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METHOD OF USING (H⁺/K⁺)ATPase INHIBITORS
AS ANTIVIRAL AGENTS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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This invention relates to methods of treating subjects having viral infections. More particularly, this invention relates to the use of (H⁺/K⁺)ATPase inhibitors for treating viral infections.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Inhibition of the (H⁺/K⁺)ATPase proton pump, located in the gastric secretory membranes, has been a target for controlling gastric acid secretion in the treatment of ulcers.

Several families of compounds have been described as gastric acid secretion inhibitors, including heterocyclalkylsulfinylbenzimidazoles (see U.S. Patent Nos. 4,472,409, 4,394,509, 4,337,257, 4,327,102, 4,255,431, 4,045,564, 4,045,563 and 4,772,619; British Patent No. 2,134,523; and German Offenlegungsschrift No. 3,415,971) and heterocyclalkylsulfinylnaphth[2,3-d]imidazoles (see U.S. Patent Nos. 4,248,880 and 4,182,766). Similarly, other substituted benzimidazoles having a ring fused to the benzimidazole group have been described as gastric acid secretion inhibitors and cytoprotective agents. See EP Nos. 130,729 and 127,763.

Some heterocyclalkylsulfinylbenzimidazoles have also been described as cytoprotective agents. See U.S. Patent No. 4,359,465 and Great Britain Application 2,161,160, published Jan. 8, 1986.

Omeprazole is an example of a class of benzimidazoles which inhibit the proton pump [Lindberg et al, *Trends in Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 399 (1987)].

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It has been described that inhibitors of sodium transport reduce virus yields [A.A. Altamirano et al, *Virology*, 199, 151 (1994)]. There have been reports of isolated natural products 10 which have been independently described as having (H^+/K^+) ATPase inhibitors and antiviral activity. T. Hayashi et al describe the isolation of scopadulcic acid B and its activity against (H^+/K^+)ATPase [*Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, 38, 2740 (1990)] 15 and HSV-1 [*Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, 38, 239 (1990) and *Antiviral Res.*, 9, 345 (1988)]. Pumilacidins are a class of heptapeptide antibiotics that have been isolated and described as being inhibitory to HSV-1 as well as (H^+/K^+)ATPase [N. Naruse et al, *J. 20 Antibiotics*, 43, 267 (1990)].

There is a great need for new therapies active in the treatment of viral diseases. Whereas there has been great progress in developing a 25 variety of therapies for the treatment of bacterial infections, there are few viable therapies for the treatment of viruses. Zidovudine is the primary approved treatment for human immunodeficiency virus. Ganciclovir, acyclovir and foscarnet are 30 currently utilized for the treatment of herpesvirus infections. However, these therapies can have substantial side effects based on their deleterious effects on host cell DNA replication or effect of a limited number of viral infections. In addition, 35 viruses are known to develop resistance to therapies which causes a progressive decline in efficacy [Ljungman et al., *J. Infect. Dis.*, 162,

244 (1990) and Gately et al, *J. Infect. Dis.*, 161, 711 (1990)].

Herpesviridae is a family of DNA viruses which include herpes simplex virus type-1 (HSV-1), herpes simplex virus type-2 (HSV-2), cytomegalovirus (CMV), varicella-zoster virus (VZV), Epstein-Barr virus, human herpesvirus-6 (HHV6); human herpesvirus-7 (HHV7), pseudorabies and rhinotracheitis, among others.

It is known that herpesviruses express their genetic content by directing the synthesis of a number of proteins encoded by the herpesvirus DNA in the host cell. One of the important virus encoded proteins is made as a precursor consisting of an amino terminal-located protease and carboxyl terminal-located assembly protein. This precursor is proteolytically processed in an autocatalytic manner at a specific amino acid sequence known as the "release" site yielding separate protease and assembly protein. The assembly protein is cleaved further by the protease at another specific amino acid sequence known as the "maturation" cleavage site. Recently, EP No. 514,830, published November 25, 1992, describes a virus-specific serine protease which has a role in herpesvirus replication. Additionally, Lui and Roizman (*J. Virol.*, 65, 5149 (1991)) describe the sequence and activity of a protease and the associated assembly protein encoded by U_L26 of HSV-1. A. R. Welch et al (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 88, 10792 (1991)) describe the related protease (also known as assemblin) and assembly protein encoded by U_L80 of CMV. An approach currently being investigated for potential use in the treatment of herpesvirus

infections is the development of inhibitors of herpesvirus proteases.

U.S. Patent No. 4,371,537 describes
5 sulfur substituted phenoypyridines as having
activity against RNA viruses, and specifically
describes 2,5-bis(benzylthio)pyridine.

Benzimidazoles have been investigated for
10 antiviral activity [R.W. Sidwell and J.T. Witkowski, *Antiviral Agents*, in BURGER'S MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, PART II (M. Wolff, 4th ed. 1979)]. Specifically, 2-(α -hydroxybenzyl benzimidazole is described as a selective inhibitor of RNA
15 enteroviruses.

EP No. 335,646, published Oct. 4, 1989, describes sulfur-containing compounds as having activity against rhinoviruses and coxsaki virus.
20 Specifically, 5-[7-(benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfoxyheptyl]-3-methylisoxazole is described.

EP 407,217, published January, 9, 1991, describes compounds as having activity against RNA
25 viruses. 2-[6-(2-chloro-4-methoxyphenoxy)-1-hexylthio]-benzimidazole is specifically described.

DE 3891468, published February 24, 1994, describes prophylactic anti-herpesvirus activity of
30 6-bromo-5-hydroxy-4-dimethylaminomethyl-1-methyl-2-phenylthiomethylindol-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester.

Polysubstituted benzimidazoles with
35 activity against viruses of the herpes family are described in WO 92/07867. 2-Benzylthio-5,6-

dichloro-1-(β -D-ribofuranosyl)benzimidazole is specifically described.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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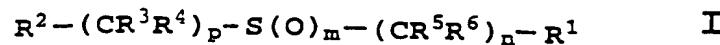
The invention involves a method of treating a subject having a viral infection with an (H^+/K^+)ATPase inhibitor. Preferably, the (H^+/K^+)ATPase inhibitor contains a sulfur radical, such as an alkylthio radical, a sulfoxide radical, a sulfone, or the like. More preferably, the (H^+/K^+)ATPase inhibitor contains a sulfoxide radical.

15 Viruses are classified into broad categories based on whether they incorporate RNA or DNA. Important virus families classified of RNA type include orthomyxoviridae, paramyxoviridae, picornaviridae, rhabdoviridae, coronaviridae, 20 togaviridae, bunyaviridae, arenaviridae and retroviridae. Important virus families classified of DNA type include adenoviridae, poxviridae, papovaviridae and herpesviridae.

25 The compounds of this invention have been shown to be particularly effective against herpetoviridae. Thus they are particularly useful for the treatment of herpes simplex viruses (HSV-1, HSV-2), cytomegalovirus (CMV), herpes varicella-zoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies and rhinotracheitis, among others.

30 The invention further involves a method of treating a subject having a viral infection with an effective amount of a compound which can inhibit both a (H^+/K^+)ATPase and a virus-specific serine protease.

In addition, the invention involves a method of treating viral infection in a subject, the method comprising treating the subject with an 5 effective amount of a compound of Formula I



10 wherein R^1 is selected from alkoxy, alkoxycarbonyl, dialkylamino, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein R^1 is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals selected from alkoxy, aminoalkoxy optionally 15 substituted on the nitrogen atom with alkyl, cycloalkyl, and aralkyl, hydroxyl, cyano, nitro, alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, alkanoyl, cycloalkylalkoxy, carboxyl, acyl, amide, alkylamide, aralkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, 20 sulfonamidyl, dialkylsulfonamidyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, heteroaryl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkenylthio, arylthio, aralkylthio, cycloalkylthio, alkylimino and amino optionally substituted with a 25 radical selected from alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, acyl, cycloalkenyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl and alkoxyalkyl; wherein R^2 is heteroaryl, wherein R^2 is optionally substituted at a substitutable position 30 with one or more radicals selected from alkoxy, amino, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, alkyl, cycloalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, carboxyl, alkanoyl, acyl, alkylamino, arylamino, alkylarylamino, alkanoylamino, alkylaminoalkyl, amide, alkylamide, 35 alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, cycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl,

dialkylcarbamoyl, carbamoyloxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, acyloxy, cycloalkylalkoxy, aralkyl, aryl, aroyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, heterocyclic, heteroaralkyl, alkylthio,
 5 alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, sulfonamidyl and alkylsulfonamidyl;

wherein each of R^3 , R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, aryl and aralkyl; and

wherein each of m , n and p is a number independently selected from 0, 1 and 2;

provided that when R^1 is phenyl, R^2 is not selected from pyridyl, 1-methylindol and 1-(β -15 -D-ribofuranosyl)benzimidazole when m is 0 or 2; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

A preferred class of compounds consists of those compounds of Formula I wherein R^1 is selected from lower alkoxy, lower alkoxy carbonyl, lower dialkylamino, phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, thiazolinyl, thiadiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, imidazolinyl, pyridyl, 20 quinolyl, dihydroquinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, isoquinolyl, azaquinolyl, azaisoquinolyl, tetrahydroisoquinolyl, thiatetrahydroisoquinolyl, imidazopyridyl, azachromanyl, cycloheptenopyridine, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazinyl, 25 pyridazinyl, purinyl, thienyl, furyl, azaimidazopyridyl, piperidinyl, thienopyridinyl, dihydrothienopyridinyl, carbostyryl, pyrimidyl and pyrazinyl, wherein R^1 is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals 30 selected from lower alkoxy, lower aminoalkoxy optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom with lower alkyl, lower cycloalkyl and lower aralkyl.

cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, halo, lower
haloalkyl, lower haloalkoxy, lower
cycloalkylalkoxy, carboxyl, acyl, lower alkanoyl,
amide, lower alkylamide, lower aralkoxy, lower
5 alkenyloxy, lower alkynyloxy, sulfonamidyl, lower
dialkylsulfonamidyl, 5 to 20 membered heterocyclic,
lower aralkyl, lower heteroaralkyl, lower
alkoxycarbonyl, 5 to 8 membered heteroaryl, lower
alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower
10 alkylsulfonyl, lower alkenylthio, lower arylthio,
lower aralkylthio, lower cycloalkylthio, lower
alkylimino and amino optionally substituted with a
radical selected from lower alkyl, lower aralkyl,
phenyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, lower
15 cycloalkyl, acyl, lower cycloalkenyl, lower
hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy carbonyl and lower
alkoxyalkyl; wherein R² is selected from nitrogen-
containing heteroaryl, wherein R² is optionally
substituted at a substitutable position with one or
20 more radicals selected from lower alkoxy, amino,
cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, lower
cycloalkyl, halo, lower haloalkyl, lower
haloalkoxy, carboxyl, lower alkanoyl, acyl, lower
alkylamino, lower arylamino, lower alkylarylamino,
25 lower alkanoylamino, lower alkylaminoalkyl, amide,
lower alkylamide, lower alkoxy carbonyl, lower
aryloxy carbonyl, lower aralkoxy carbonyl, lower
alkylcarbonyl, lower cycloalkylcarbonyl, lower
alkylcarbonylalkyl, lower alkoxy carbonylalkyl,
30 lower dialkylcarbamoyl, carbamoyloxy, lower
aryloxy, lower aralkoxy, lower alkenyloxy, lower
alkynyloxy, acyloxy, lower cycloalkylalkoxy, lower
aralkyl, optionally substituted lower aryl, lower
aroyl, lower alkoxyalkyl, lower hydroxyalkyl, 5 to
35 20 membered heterocyclic, lower heteroaralkyl,
lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower
alkylsulfonyl, lower arylthio, lower arylsulfinyl,

lower arylsulfonyl, sulfonamidyl and lower alkylsulfonamidyl; and wherein each of R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl and lower aralkyl.

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A class of compounds of particular interest consists of those compounds of Formula I wherein R¹ is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, thiazolinyl, thiadiazolyl, oxazolyl, 10 isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, imidazolinyl, pyridyl, quinolyl, dihydroquinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl, isoquinolyl, azaquinolyl, azaisoquinolyl, tetrahydroisoquinolyl, thiatetrahydroisoquinolyl, imidazopyridyl, 15 azachromanyl, cycloheptenopyridine, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazinyl, pyridazinyl, purinyl, thienyl, furyl, azaimidazopyridyl, piperidinyl, thienopyridinyl, dihydrothienopyridinyl, carbostyryl, pyrimidyl and pyrazinyl, wherein R¹ is 20 optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals selected from methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, isopropoxy, tert-butoxy, aminomethoxy optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom with methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, 25 isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropyl and benzyl, hydroxyl, amino optionally substituted with a radical selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, benzyl, phenethyl, phenyl, butene, 30 pentene, isopropylene, isobutylene, propargyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, formyl, acetyl, cyclobut enyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, hydroxymethyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, isopropoxycarbonyl, 35 tertbutoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl, isobutoxycarbonyl, pentoxy carbonyl, and methoxymethyl, cyano, nitro, methyl, ethyl,

propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, pentafluoroethyl,

5 heptafluoropropyl, difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloroethyl, dichloropropyl, trifluoromethoxy, cyclohexylmethoxy, carboxyl, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, amide, methylamide,

10 dimethylamide, benzyloxy, sulfonamidyl, dimethylsulfonamidyl, morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidyl, benzyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, pyridyl, methylthio, methylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, phenylthio,

15 benzylthio, cyclohexylthio and methylimino; wherein R^2 is selected from pyridyl, indolyl, imidazolyl, benzimidazolyl, napthoimidazolyl, 1,3-dioxolobenximidazolyl, imidazopyridyl, imidazoquinolinyl, dihydroimidazoquinolinyl,

20 cycloheptoimidazolyl, cyclooxaundecanobenzimidazolyl, benzoxazolyl, benzothiazolyl, indolyl, thienoimidazolyl, pyridopyrazinyl, quinolinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, quinazolinonyl, triazolyl,

25 tetrazolyl, oxazolyl, purinyl, indenoimidazolyl, thiadiazolyl, thiazolylpyridyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, pyranobenzimidazolyl, thiopyranbenzimidazolyl, indolbenzimidazole, tetrahydroimidazoquinolinyl, wherein R^2 is

30 optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals selected from methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, isopropoxy, tert-butoxy, amino, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-

35 butyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl,

pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl,
difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl,
difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloroethyl,
dichloropropyl, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy,
5 carboxyl, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, N-
methylamino, N-ethylamino, N-propylamino, N-
butylamino, N-tert-butylamino, N-pentylamino, N-
hexylamino, N,N-dimethylamino, phenylamino, N-
methyl-N-phenylamino, methylaminomethyl, amide, N-
10 methylamide, N,N-dimethylamide, methoxycarbonyl,
ethoxycarbonyl, isopropoxycarbonyl, tert-
butoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, n-butoxycarbonyl,
isobutoxycarbonyl, pentoxy carbonyl,
phenoxy carbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, methylcarbonyl,
15 cyclohexylcarbonyl, methylcarbonylmethyl,
methoxycarbonylmethyl, N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl,
carbamoyloxy, phenoxy, benzoxy, benzyl, phenethyl,
phenyl, benzoyl, methoxymethyl, hydroxymethyl,
morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidyl,
20 methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulfinyl,
ethylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, phenylthio,
phenylsulfinyl, phenylsulfonyl, sulfonamidyl,
methylsulfonamidyl and N,N-dimethylsulfonamidyl;
and wherein each of R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is
25 independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl,
propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-
butyl, phenyl and benzyl.

A family of specific compounds of
30 particular interest within Formula I consists of
compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable
salts, of the group selected from:

[2-[(2-N-isobutyl-N-methylamino)-benzyl]sulfinyl]
35 -1H-benzimidazole;
2-[[3-methylpyridin-2-ylmethyl]sulfinyl]-1H-
benzimidazole;

2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
5 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-methyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
5-chloro-2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
10 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
15 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
5-ethoxy-2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
20 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-4-methyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-methyl-1H-benzimidazole;
25 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
5-chloro-2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
30 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(2,3-dimethylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]
sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
35 2-[(3-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]
sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

2-[[(2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]
 sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
 2-[[(3-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]
 sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
 5 2-[[(3-(4-nitrophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-
 yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
 2-[[[3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]imidazo[1,2-
 a]pyridin-8-yl]methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-
 benzimidazole;
 10 5-methyl-2-[[[3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]
 imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]methyl]sulfinyl]-
 1H-benzimidazole;
 5-chloro-2-[[[3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]
 imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]methyl]sulfinyl]-
 15 1H-benzimidazole;
 2-[[[3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]imidazo[1,2-
 a]pyridin-8-yl]methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-
 benzimidazole;
 5-chloro-2-[[[3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]
 20 imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl]methyl]sulfinyl]-
 1H-benzimidazole;
 4-[8-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-
 yl)sulfinyl]methyl]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-
 yl]benzoate;
 25 2-[[[3-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-
 8-yl]methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
 2-[[[3-(4-methylphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-
 8-yl]methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-5-ylmethyl]sulfinyl]-1H-
 30 benzimidazole;
 2-((n-butoxycarbonylmethyl)sulfinyl)thiazolo
 (5,4-b)pyridine;
 5-chloro-2-((2-ethoxyethyl)sulfinyl)benzothiazole;
 4,6-dimethyl-2-(((imidazo(1,2-a)pyridin-2-
 35 yl)methyl)thio)-1H-benzimidazole;
 2-[3-methyl-4-(2-(N-benzyl-N-cyclohexylamino)-
 ethoxy)pyridyl]methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

ethyl 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thiomethyl]-4-methyl-amino-5-pyrimidine carboxylate; 9-(benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl-4-methoxy-2,3-cycloheptenopyridine;

5 2-(5-fluoro-2-(4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)-phenylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole; 5-difluoromethoxy-2-(((3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)methyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole; 2-(((4-difluoromethoxy-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;

10 2-[4(3-methoxypropoxy)-3-methylpyridine-2-yl]methylsulfinyl-1H-imidazole; 2-((6-azachroman-5-ylmethyl)sulfinyl)-benzimidazole;

15 5-carbomethoxy-6-methyl-2-(((3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)-methyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole; 5-carbomethoxy-6-methyl-2-(((3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)-methyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl-methyl ethylcarbonate;

20 2-((3-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole; 4-fluoro-2-((4-methoxy-2-pyridinyl)methyl)sulfinyl-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl-methyl-ethylcarbonate;

25 2-[3-methyl-4-(1-benzyl-4-piperidyl)oxy-2-pyridyl]methylthio-1H-benzimidazole; 2-(3-methyl-4-(2-(N-methyl-N-(4-methyl-benzyl)amino)ethoxy)-2-pyridyl)methylsulfonyl-1H-benzimidazole;

30 2-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-2-pyrimidinyl)methylthio-1H-benzimidazole; 2-[2-[N-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-butyl-N-methyl]aminoethyl]thio-(1H)-benzimidazole; 5-chloro-2-(3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

35 5-fluoro-2-(4-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

4-fluoro-2-(4-methoxy-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-
1H-benzimidazole;

2-(((4-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl)-methyl)-
sulfinyl)-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole;

5 5-hydroxymethyl-2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-
pyridyl)methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(4-ethylthio-3-methylpyridin-2-yl-methyl)-
sulfinyl-benzimidazole;

2-(((4-(2-benzyloxyethoxy)-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)-
10 methylthio)benzimidazole;

2-[[2-[N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N-methylamino]-5-methoxy]-
benzylsulfinyl]benzimidazole;

2-[2-(3,5-dimethyl-4-ethoxy)pyridylmethylsulfinyl]-
5-methoxy-imidazo(4,5-b)pyridine;

15 2-(5-benzy1-4-chloro-6-methyl-2-pyrimidinyl)-
methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

2,2-difluoro-6-((5-benzyloxy-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)-
methylthio)-5H-(1,3)-dioxolo(4,5-f)-
benzimidazole;

20 5-carboethoxy-6-methyl-2-(((3-methyl-2-
pyridyl)methyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

5-(2-benzimidazolylsulfinylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-
4-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine;

2-(3-methyl-4-(2-(N-benzyl-N-methylamino)ethoxy-2-
25 pyridyl)methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(3-methyl-4-(2-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-
2-yl)-ethoxy)-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl-1H-
benzimidazole;

2-[1-(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)]
30 methylthiobenzimidazole;

2-(3-chloro-4-methoxy-2-picolytlthio)-5-methoxy-1H-
benzimidazole;

2-(4-(2-ethoxyethoxy)-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)-
methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole;

35 2-(3-methylthieno(2,3-c)pyridin-7-yl)-
methylsulfinyl)-benzimidazole;

2-(2-dimethylamino-5-methoxybenzylsulfinyl)-5-methoxybenzimidazole;

2-(2-dimethylamino-5-methylbenzylsulfinyl)-5-methoxybenzimidazole;

5 2-[4-(2,3,5-trimethyl)pyridylthio]-5-methoxybenzimidazole;

2[(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methylimidazol-4-yl)methylthio]-benzimidazole;

2-(5-hydroxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinylmethyl)-10 N,N-dimethylbenzenamine;

2-((6-methoxyisoquinolin-1-yl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;

3-(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thiomethylcarbostyril;

15 5-methoxy-2-(4-dimethylamino-5-fluoro-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(2-dimethylaminobenzyl-sulfinyl)-5-cyclopropylmethoxy)benzimidazole;

2-(3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-5-20 cyclopropylmethoxy-benzimidazole;

2-[2-(N-cyclohexyl-N-methylamino)benzylsulfonyl]benzimidazole;

8-(5-fluoro-6-methoxy-2-benzimidazolyl)sulfinylmethyl-1-ethyl-4-(N-methyl-N-allyl)amino-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline;

25 2-(2-benzyloxycarbonylaminobenzylthio)benzimidazole;

2-(2-benzimidazolylmethylthio)pyrimidine;

2-(2-dimethylaminobenzylsulfinyl)imidazo[4,5-b]-30 pyridine;

2-(2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)quinoxaline;

2-methyl-3-(2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)pyrido[2,3-b]pyrazine;

5-acetyl-2-(2-dimethylaminobenzyl)sulfinyl-35 benzimidazole;

2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)-5-fluoro-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(3-pyridylmethylthio)-5-methoxybenzimidazole;
 2-(2-methylaminobenzylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;
 5-methoxy-2-(2-dimethylaminobenzylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

5 2-(3,4-dimethoxypyrid-2-ylmethylsulfinyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-benzimidazole;
 5-methoxy-2-(4-piperidino-2-pyrimidinylmethylsulfinyl)-(1H)-benzimidazole;
 2-[2-(4-benzyloxy)-pyridylmethylsulfinyl]

10 benzimidazole;
 4-allyloxy-8-(2-benzimidazolyl)thio-3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline;
 2-[2-(4-methoxy-5-n-pentyl)-pyridylmethylthio]benzimidazole;

15 2-(5-bromo-4-piperidino-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-5-methoxy-(1H)-benzimidazole;
 2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-morpholinopyrid-2-yl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;
 2-((2-pyridinylmethyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole-1-methanol;

20 2-((3,4-dihydro-2H-thieno(3,2-c)pyridinylmethyl)thio)-1H-benzimidazole-1-methanol;
 2-(4-isopropoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinylbenzimidazole;

25 2-((4-fluorobenzyloxy-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;
 2-(2-aminobenzylsulfinyl)-benzimidazole;
 N,N-dimethyl-2-(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinylmethyl)benzenamine;

30 2-[(4,5-dimethoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl]-5-trifluoromethoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
 2,2-difluoro-6-[(4,5-dimethoxy-2-pyridyl)methylthio]-5H-1,3-dioxolo-(4,5-f)benzimidazole;

35 2-((4-morpholinyl-3-ethylpyridin-2-ylmethyl)sulfinyl)-5-trifluoromethylbenzimidazole;

2-((4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)-5-
 trifluoromethoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
 5-cyclopropylcarbonyl-2-((4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)
 methylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;
 5 2-[2-(3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy)-pyridylmethyl
 sulfinyl]-(5-chloro)-benzimidazole;
 2-[2-(4,5-dimethyl)-pyridylmethylsulfinyl]-(5-
 acetyl-6-methyl)-benzimidazole;
 1-(p-chlorobenzoyl)-2-(β -morpholinylmethyl-
 10 sulfinyl)benzimidazole;
 2,3-dihydro-2-(2-pyridyl)thiazolo[3,2-a]
 benzimidazole-1-oxide;
 2-[(2-pyridylmethyl)thio]-1H-naphth[2,3-d]
 imidazole;
 15 1,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2-(5-methyl-2-pyridylmethyl)-
 thio)indeno(5,6-d)imidazole;
 4-methyl-2-(5-methyl-2-pyridylmethylthio)-1H-
 naphtho(2,3-d)imidazole;
 2,2-difluoro-6-(4-methoxy-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-
 20 5H-1,3-dioxolo[4,5-f]benzimidazole;
 2-benzylthio-(4H)-imidazo(4,5,1-ij)quinoline;
 2-(2-chlorophenylmethylthio)-5,6-dihydro-(4H)-
 imidazo(4,5,1-ij)quinoline;
 5,6-dihydro-2-(2-pyridylmethylthio)-4H-
 25 imidazo(4,5,1-ij)quinoline;
 5,6-dihydro-2-(2-(3,5-dimethylpyridyl)
 methylsulfinyl)-4H-imidazo;
 5,7-dihydro-2-(((4-methoxy-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)
 30 methylsulfinyl)-5,5,7,7-tetramethylindeno
 (5,6-d)imidazol-6(1H)-one;
 2-(2-pyridylmethylthio)-6-isopropyl-
 cycloheptoimidazole;
 2-[2-(3,5-dimethyl)pyridylmethylsulfinyl]5-fluoro-
 benzoxazole;
 35 3-[(4-dimethylamino-2-pyridyl)methylthio]indole;
 5-methyl-2-(2-pyridylmethylthio)-3H-thieno(2,3-d)
 imidazole;

2-((2-(3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy)pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-7-imidazo(4,5-b)pyridine;

2-((2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)quinoxaline;

2-[(2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl]thieno[3,4-d]-5-imidazole;

2-(((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methyl)thio)-4,5-diphenyloxazole;

3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-6-(((5-phenyl-1,2,4-triazol-3-yl)-thio)methyl)pyridine;

10 2-(((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methyl)sulfinyl)-4,5-diphenylimidazole;

5-(((4,5-diphenyl-2-oxazolyl)sulfinyl)methyl)-2,2-dimethyl-8-methyl-4H-1,3-dioxino(4,5-c)pyridine;

15 5-(((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methyl)sulfinyl)-1-methyltetrazole;

6-benzoylamino-7-chloro-2-(((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)-methyl)thio)benzothiazole;

2-[[((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)-methyl)thio]quinoline;

20 2-[2-(3,5-dimethyl)pyridylmethylsulfinyl]-5-methoxy-imidazo[4,5-b]pyridine;

5-(4,5-dihydro-2-oxazolyl)-2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylthio)-1H-benzimidazole;

25 2-(2-dimethylaminobenzylsulfinyl)-5-methoxyimidazo[4,5-b]-pyridine;

3-phenyl-2-(2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-4(3H)-quinazolinone;

30 4-amino-2-(2-pyridylmethylthio)quinazoline;

2-(4-morpholinyl-2-pyrimidinylmethylthio)thieno(3,4-d)imidazole;

8-[2'-(N,N-dimethylanily)methylthio]purine;

2-[2'-(N,N-dimethylanily)methylthio]thieno-(3,4-d)-35-imidazole;

2-(4-methoxy-2-picolinylthio)-1H-thieno[3,4-d]imidazole;

2-(2-pyridylmethyl)thio-8H-indeno(1,2-d)imidazole;
2-(4-methoxy-5-chloro-2-picolythio)-1H-thieno(3,4-d)imidazole;
2-[2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)benzylthio]
5 cycloheptoimidazole;
2-(2-acetylaminophenyl)
 methylthiocycloheptoimidazole;
2-amino-5-(2-(2-pyridyl)ethylthio)-1,3,4-thiadiazole;
10 2-geranylthio-benzimidazole;
2-(2-chlorobenzylthio)-8,8-dimethyl-6-oxo-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3H-imidazo[4,5-g]quinoline;
8-(2-pyrimidinyl-sulfinyl)quinoline;
2-((3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)pyrano(2,3-f)
15 benzimidazole;
2-[(2-isobutylamino)benzylsulfinyl]imidazole;
ethyl 2-((1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-sulfinylmethyl)-4-dimethylamino-5-pyrimidinecarboxylate;
2-((2-ethoxyethyl)sulfinyl)-4-(3-pyridyl)thiazole;
20 2-[2-(2-propynylamino)benzylsulfinyl]imidazole;
2-(2-(2-methoxyethylamino)benzylsulfinyl)imidazole;
1-(2-pyridyl)-2-(3-dimethylamino)benzylsulfinyl)
 imidazole;
2-(2-methylaminobenzylthio)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-
25 benzimidazole;
4,5-diphenyl-2-(2-pyridylmethyl)-thioimidazole;
4-phenyl-2-(2-pyridylmethyl)thioimidazole;
4,5-bis(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(2-thienylthio)imidazole;
30 2-(3-chloro-2-pyridinylthiomethyl)-4,5-dihydro-1H-
 imidazole;
1-methyl-2-(2-pyrimidinylthiomethyl)-5-nitro-
 imidazole;
1-methyl-2-(2-pyridylsulfonylmethyl)-5-
35 nitroimidazole;
1-methyl-2-(5-bromo-2-pyridylthiomethyl)-5-nitro-
 imidazole;

2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)
methyl]benzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]N,N-
dimethylbenzenamine;

5 N-[2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]phenyl]
acetamide;
2-[[[(4-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]
benzenamine;
2-[[[(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)
sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;

10 2-[[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]
methyl]benzenamine;
methyl 2-[(2-aminophenyl)methyl]sulfinyl]-5-
methoxy-1Hbenzimidazole-6-carboxylate;

15 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
chlorobenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5-
chlorobenzenamine;

20 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
methoxybenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-
methoxybenzenamine;

25 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3-
methylbenzenamine;

30 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-
methylbenzenamine;

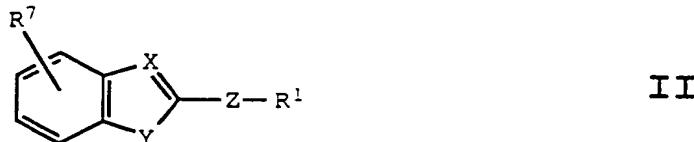
35 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4,6-
dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-
methylbenzenamine;
2-[[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]
methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
35 2-[[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]
methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine;

2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-ethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-ethylbenzenamine;
5 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-10 methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;
15 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-butybenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5,6-20 dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3,6-dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-6-methylbenzenamine;
25 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-6-methoxy-3-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-30 methyl]-5,6-dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-3,6-dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine;
35 methyl 2-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate;

ethyl 4-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate;
ethyl 4-amino-3-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate;
5 2-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-fluorobenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3,4,5-
10 trimethylbenzenamine;
2-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]
methyl]-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine;
3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]
benzenamine;
15 3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-
pyridinamine;
3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N,N-
dimethyl-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-
20 pyridinamine;
6-[(4-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
25 6-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
30 yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
35 6-[(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;

6-[[[(4,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[5-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl]sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
5 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-(2,2-
dimethylpropyl)-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-ethyl-2-
pyridinamine; and
5-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-
10 pyridinamine.

Within Formula I there is a subclass of
compounds of high interest which can be used to
treat a subject with a viral infection, represented
15 by Formula II:



wherein X is selected from CH or N; wherein Y is
20 selected from CH₂, NR⁸, O and S; wherein Z is
selected from -S(O)_m-, -(CR³R⁴)_pS(O)_m- and
-S(O)_m(CR⁵R⁶)_n-; wherein each of m, n and p is a
number independently selected from 0, 1 and 2;
wherein R¹ is selected from aryl and heteroaryl,
25 wherein R¹ is optionally substituted at a
substitutable position with one or more radicals
selected from alkoxy, aminoalkoxy optionally
substituted on the nitrogen atom with alkyl,
cycloalkyl and aralkyl, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl,
30 alkyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy,
cycloalkylalkoxy, carboxyl, acyl, alkanoyl, amide,
alkylamide, aralkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy,
sulfonamidyl, dialkylsulfonamidyl, heterocyclic,
aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, alkoxy carbonyl, heteroaryl,
35 alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

alkenylthio, arylthio, aralkylthio, cycloalkylthio, alkylimino and amino optionally substituted with a radical selected from alkyl, aralkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, acyl, cycloalkenyl, 5 hydroxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl and alkoxyalkyl; wherein each of R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is independently selected from hydrido, alkyl, aryl and aralkyl; wherein R⁷ is one or more radicals selected from alkoxy, amino, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, alkyl, 10 cycloalkyl, halo, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, carboxyl, alkanoyl, acyl, alkylamino, arylamino, alkylarylamino, alkanoylamino, alkylaminoalkyl, amide, alkylamide, alkoxycarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, aralkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, 15 cycloalkylcarbonyl, alkylcarbonylalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, dialkylcarbamoyl, carbamoyloxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, acyloxy, cycloalkylalkoxy, aralkyl, aryl, aroyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, 20 heterocyclic, heteroaralkyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, sulfonamidyl and alkylsulfonamidyl; or wherein R⁵ and R⁸ taken together form a ring; and wherein R⁸ is selected 25 from hydrido, alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl, acyl, alkoxyalkyl, aryl, aryloxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, aralkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, amide, alkanoyl, alkylcarbamoyl and alkylsulfonyl; provided that when m is 0, R⁸ is not 1-(β -D- 30 ribofuranosyl)benzimidazole; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

A preferred class of compounds consists of those compounds of Formula II wherein R¹ is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, thiazolyl, 35 thiazolinyl, thiadiazolyl, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, imidazolyl, imidazolinyl, pyridyl,

quinolyl, dihydroquinolyl, tetrahydroquinolyl,
isoquinolyl, azaquinolyl, azaisoquinolyl,
tetrahydroisoquinolyl, thiatetrahydroisoquinolyl,
imidazopyridyl, azachromanyl, cycloheptenopyridine,
5 benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazinyl,
pyridazinyl, purinyl, thienyl, furyl,
azaimidazopyridyl, piperidyl, thienopyridinyl,
dihydrothienopyridinyl, carbostyryl, pyrimidyl and
pyrazinyl, wherein R¹ is optionally substituted at
10 a substitutable position with one or more radicals
selected from lower alkoxy, lower aminoalkoxy
optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom with
lower alkyl, lower cycloalkyl and lower aralkyl,
cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, halo, lower
15 haloalkyl, lower haloalkoxy, lower
cycloalkylalkoxy, carboxyl, acyl, lower alkanoyl,
amide, lower alkylamide, lower aralkoxy, lower
alkenyloxy, lower alkynyloxy, sulfonamidyl, lower
dialkylsulfonamidyl, 5 to 20 membered heterocyclic,
20 lower aralkyl, lower heteroaralkyl, lower
alkoxycarbonyl, 5 to 8 membered heteroaryl, lower
alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower
alkylsulfonyl, lower alkenylthio, lower arylthio,
lower aralkylthio, lower cycloalkylthio, lower
25 alkylimino and amino optionally substituted with a
radical selected from lower alkyl, lower aralkyl,
phenyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, lower
cycloalkyl, acyl, lower cycloalkenyl, lower
hydroxyalkyl, lower alkoxy carbonyl and lower
30 alkoxyalkyl; wherein each of R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is
independently selected from hydrido, lower alkyl,
phenyl, naphthyl and lower aralkyl; wherein R⁷ is
one or more radicals selected from lower alkoxy,
amino, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, lower
35 cycloalkyl, halo, lower haloalkyl, lower
haloalkoxy, carboxyl, lower alkanoyl, acyl, lower
alkylamino, lower arylamino, lower alkylarylamino,

lower alkanoylamino, lower alkylaminoalkyl, amide, lower alkylamide, lower alkoxy carbonyl, lower aryloxycarbonyl, lower aralkoxycarbonyl, lower alkylcarbonyl, lower cycloalkylcarbonyl, lower alkylcarbonylalkyl, lower alkoxy carbonylalkyl, lower dialkylcarbamoyl, carbamoyloxy, lower aryloxy, lower aralkoxy, lower alkenyloxy, lower alkynyloxy, acyloxy, lower cycloalkylalkoxy, lower aralkyl, optionally substituted lower aryl, lower aroyl, lower alkoxyalkyl, lower hydroxyalkyl, 5 to 20 membered heterocyclic, lower heteroaralkyl, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, lower arylthio, lower arylsulfinyl, lower arylsulfonyl, sulfonamidyl and lower alkylsulfonamidyl; or wherein R⁵ and R⁸ taken together form a ring; and wherein R⁸ is selected from hydrido, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower hydroxyalkyl, acyl, lower alkoxyalkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, lower aryloxyalkyl, lower alkylthioalkyl, lower aralkyl, lower alkoxy carbonyl, amide, lower alkanoyl, lower alkylcarbamoyl and lower alkylsulfonyl.

A class of compounds of particular interest consists of those compounds of Formula II wherein R¹ is optionally substituted at a substitutable position with one or more radicals selected from methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, isopropoxy, tert-butoxy, aminomethoxy optionally substituted on the nitrogen atom with methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropyl and benzyl, amino optionally substituted with a radical selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, benzyl, phenethyl, phenyl, butene, pentene, isopropylene, isobutylene, propargyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl,

cyclohexyl, formyl, acetyl, cyclobutenyl,
cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, hydroxymethyl,
methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl,
isopropoxycarbonyl, tertbutoxycarbonyl,
5 propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl, isobutoxycarbonyl,
pentoxy carbonyl, and methoxymethyl, cyano, nitro,
hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl,
isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, fluoro, chloro,
bromo, iodo, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl,
10 trifluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl,
pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl,
difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl,
difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloroethyl,
dichloropropyl, trifluoromethoxy,
15 cyclohexylmethoxy, carboxyl, formyl, acetyl,
propionyl, amide, methylamide, dimethylamide,
benzyloxy, sulfonamidyl, dimethylsulfonamidyl,
morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidyl,
benzyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, pyridyl,
20 methylthio, methylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl,
phenylthio, benzylthio, cyclohexylthio and
methylimino; wherein each of R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is
independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl,
propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-
25 butyl, phenyl and benzyl; wherein R⁷ is one or more
radicals selected from methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy,
butoxy, isopropoxy, tert-butoxy, amino, cyano,
nitro, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl,
pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl,
30 cyclohexyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, fluoro,
chloro, bromo, iodo, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl,
trifluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl,
pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl,
difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl,
35 difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloroethyl,
dichloropropyl, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy,
carboxyl, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, N-

methylamino, N-ethylamino, N-propylamino, N-
butylamino, N-tert-butylamino, N-pentylamino, N-
hexylamino, N,N-dimethylamino, phenylamino, N-
methyl-N-phenylamino, methylaminomethyl, amide, N-
5 methylamide, N,N-dimethylamide, methoxycarbonyl,
ethoxycarbonyl, isopropoxycarbonyl, tert-
butoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, n-butoxycarbonyl,
isobutoxycarbonyl, pentoxy carbonyl,
phenoxy carbonyl, benzylloxycarbonyl, methylcarbonyl,
10 cyclohexylcarbonyl, methylcarbonylmethyl,
methoxycarbonylmethyl, N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl,
carbamoyloxy, phenoxy, benzoxy, benzyl, phenethyl,
phenyl, benzoyl, methoxymethyl, hydroxymethyl,
morpholinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidyl,
15 methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulfinyl,
ethylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, phenylthio,
phenylsulfinyl, phenylsulfonyl, sulfonamidyl,
methylsulfonamidyl and N,N-dimethylsulfonamidyl; or
wherein R⁵ and R⁸ taken together form a ring; and
20 wherein R⁸ is selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl,
propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-
butyl, butene, pentene, isopropylene, isobutylene,
hydroxymethyl, phenyl, naphthyl, phenoxy methyl,
methylthiomethyl, benzyl, phenethyl,
25 methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl,
isopropoxycarbonyl, tertbutoxycarbonyl,
propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl, isobutoxycarbonyl,
pentoxy carbonyl, methoxymethyl, amide, formyl,
acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, methylcarbamoyl and
30 methylsulfonyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable
salt thereof.

A family of specific compounds of
particular interest within Formula II consists of
35 compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable
salts, of the group selected from:

2-[[3-methylpyridin-2-ylmethyl]sulfinyl]-1H-
benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-
benzimidazole;
5 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-
benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-
methyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-
10 methoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
5-chloro-2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)
sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-
trifluoromethyl-1H-benzimidazole;
15 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-
benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-
benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-
20 methoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
5-ethoxy-2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)
sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-4-
methyl-1H-benzimidazole;
25 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-
methyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5,6-
dimethyl-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5,6-
30 dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
5-chloro-2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-
ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;
2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-ylmethyl)sulfinyl]-5-
trifluoromethyl-1H-benzimidazole;
35 2-[(2,3-dimethylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]
sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

2-[[[(3-methylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

2-[[[(2-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

5 2-[[[(3-phenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

2-[[[(3-(4-nitrophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

10 2-[[[(3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

5-methyl-2-[[[(3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

15 5-chloro-2-[[[(3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

2-[[[(3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

20 5-chloro-2-[[[(3-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

4-[8-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-yl]benzoate;

25 2-[[[(3-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

2-[[[(3-(4-methylphenyl)imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-8-yl)methyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

30 2-[(imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-5-ylmethyl]sulfinyl]-1H-benzimidazole;

4,6-dimethyl-2-(((imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-yl)methyl)thio)-1H-benzimidazole;

2-[3-methyl-4-(2-(N-benzyl-N-cyclohexylamino)-ethoxy)pyridyl]methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

35 ethyl 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thiomethyl]-4-methyl-amino-5-pyrimidine carboxylate;

2-(5-fluoro-2-(4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)-phenylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;
 5-difluoromethoxy-2-(((3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)methyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

5 2-(((4-difluoromethoxy-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;
 2-((6-azachroman-5-ylmethyl)sulfinyl)-benzimidazole;
 5-carbomethoxy-6-methyl-2-((3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)methyl)sulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole;

10 5-carbomethoxy-6-methyl-2-((3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridinyl)methyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl-methyl ethyl carbonate;

2-((3-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;
 4-fluoro-2-((4-methoxy-2-pyridinyl)methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazol-1-yl-methyl-ethylcarbonate;

2-[3-methyl-4-(1-benzyl-4-piperidyl)oxy-2-pyridyl]methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

20 2-(3-methyl-4-(2-(N-methyl-N-(4-methyl-benzyl)amino)ethoxy)-2-pyridyl)methylsulfonyl-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-2-pyrimidinyl)methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

25 5-chloro-2-(3,4-dimethoxy-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;
 5-fluoro-2-(4-cyclopropylmethoxy-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

30 4-fluoro-2-(4-methoxy-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;
 2-(((4-methoxy-3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridyl)-methyl)sulfinyl)-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole;
 5-hydroxymethyl-2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

35 2-(4-ethylthio-3-methylpyrid-2-yl-methyl)sulfinyl-benzimidazole;

2-(((4-(2-benzyloxyethoxy)-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylthio)benzimidazole;

2-[[2-[N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N-methylamino]-5-methoxy]benzylsulfinyl]benzimidazole;

5 2-(5-benzyl-4-chloro-6-methyl-2-pyrimidinyl)methylthio-1H-benzimidazole;

5-carboethoxy-6-methyl-2-(((3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

5-(2-benzimidazolylsulfinylmethyl)-3,4-dihydro-10 4-methyl-2H-1,4-benzoxazine;

2-(3-methyl-4-(2-(N-benzyl-N-methylamino)ethoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(3-methyl-4-(2-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-2-yl)-ethoxy)-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole; 15

2-[1-(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)]methylthiobenzimidazole;

2-(3-chloro-4-methoxy-2-picolythio)-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole;

20 2-(4-(2-ethoxyethoxy)-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(3-methylthieno(2,3-c)pyridin-7-yl)methylsulfinyl)-benzimidazole;

2-(2-dimethylamino-5-methoxybenzylsulfinyl)-5-25 methoxy-benzimidazole;

2-(2-dimethylamino-5-methylbenzylsulfinyl)-5-methoxybenzimidazole;

2-[4-(2,3,5-trimethyl)pyridylthio]-5-methoxybenzimidazole;

30 2-[(2-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-methylimidazol-4-yl)methylthio]benzimidazole;

2-(5-hydroxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinylmethyl)-N,N-dimethylbenzenamine;

2-((6-methoxyisoquinolin-1-yl)methylsulfinyl)35 benzimidazole;

3-(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thiomethylcarbostyril;

5-methoxy-2-(4-dimethylamino-5-fluoro-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(2-dimethylaminobenzylsulfinyl)-5-cyclopropylmethoxybenzimidazole;

5 2-(3,5-dimethyl-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-5-cyclopropylmethoxy-benzimidazole;

2-[2-(N-cyclohexyl-N-methylamino)benzylsulfonyl]benzimidazole;

8-(5-fluoro-6-methoxy-2-benzimidazolyl) sulfinylmethyl-1-ethyl-4-(N-methyl-N-allyl)amino-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline;

2-(2-benzyloxycarbonylaminobenzylthio)benzimidazole;

2-(2-benzimidazolylmethylthio)pyrimidine;

15 5-acetyl-2-((2-dimethylaminobenzyl)sulfinyl)benzimidazole;

2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)-5-fluoro-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(3-pyridylmethylthio)-5-methoxybenzimidazole;

20 2-(2-methylaminobenzylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;

5-methoxy-2-(2-dimethylaminobenzylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

2-(3,4-dimethoxypyrid-2-ylmethylsulfinyl)-5-trifluoromethyl-benzimidazole;

25 5-methoxy-2-(4-piperidino-2-pyrimidinylmethylsulfinyl)-(1H)-benzimidazole;

2-[2-(4-benzyloxy)-pyridylmethylsulfinyl]benzimidazole;

30 4-allyloxy-8-(2-benzimidazolyl)thio-3-methyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydroquinoline;

2-[2-(4-methoxy-5-n-pentyl)-pyridylmethylthio]benzimidazole;

2-(5-bromo-4-piperidino-2-pyridylmethylsulfinyl)-

35 5-methoxy-(1H)-benzimidazole;

2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-morpholinopyrid-2-yl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;

2-((2-pyridinylmethyl)sulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole-1-methanol;

2-((3,4-dihydro-2H-thieno(3,2-c)pyridinylmethyl)thio)-1H-benzimidazole-1-methanol;

5 2-(4-isopropoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinylbenzimidazole;

2-((4-fluorobenzylxy-3-methyl-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)benzimidazole;

2-(2-aminobenzylsulfinyl)-benzimidazole;

10 N,N-dimethyl-2-(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinylmethyl)benzenamine;

2-[(4,5-dimethoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl]-5-trifluoromethoxy-1H-benzimidazole;

2-((4-morpholinyl-3-ethylpyridin-2-ylmethyl)sulfinyl)-5-trifluoromethylbenzimidazole;

15 2-((4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)-5-trifluoromethoxy-1H-benzimidazole;

5-cyclopropylcarbonyl-2-((4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylsulfinyl)-1H-benzimidazole;

20 2-[2-(3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy)-pyridylmethylsulfinyl]-(5-chloro)-benzimidazole;

2-[2-(4,5-dimethyl)-pyridylmethylsulfinyl]-(5-acetyl-6-methyl)-benzimidazole;

2-[2-(3,5-dimethyl)pyridylmethylsulfinyl]5-fluorobenzoxazole;

25 3-[(4-dimethylamino-2-pyridyl)methylthio]indole;

6-benzoylamino-7-chloro-2-(((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)-methyl)thio)benzothiazole;

5-(4,5-dihydro-2-oxazolyl)-2-((3,5-dimethyl-4-methoxy-2-pyridyl)methylthio)-1H-

30 benzimidazole;

2-gernaylthio-benzimidazole;

ethyl 2-((1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-sulfinylmethyl)-4-dimethylamino-5-pyrimidinecarboxylate;

35 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]benzenamine;

2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]N,N-dimethylbenzenamine;
N-[2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]phenyl]acetamide;

5 2-[[(4-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;

10 methyl 2-[[(2-aminophenyl)methyl]sulfinyl]-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole-6-carboxylate;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzenamine;

15 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5-chlorobenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methoxybenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-

20 methoxybenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3-methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;

25 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4,6-dimethylbenzenamine;

30 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine;

35 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-ethylbenzenamine;

2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-
ethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methoxy-
3,5-dimethylbenzenamine;
5 2-[[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
10 methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl)methyl]benzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
(trifluoromethyl)benzenamine;
15 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
butylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5,6-
dimethylbenzenamine;
20 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3,6-
dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-
6-methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-6-
methoxy-3-methylbenzenamine;
25 2-[[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]-5,6-dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
30 yl)sulfinyl]-3,6-dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl)methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine;
methyl 2-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)-
methyl]benzoate;
35 ethyl 4-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-
ylsulfinyl)methyl]benzoate;

ethyl 4-amino-3-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate;
2-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
5 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-fluorobenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3,4,5-trimethylbenzenamine;
2-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]
10 methyl]-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine;
3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]benzenamine;
3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
15 3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N,N-dimethyl-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(4-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
20 sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
25 6-[(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl]sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
30 sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
35 6-[(4,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;

6-[[[5-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine;

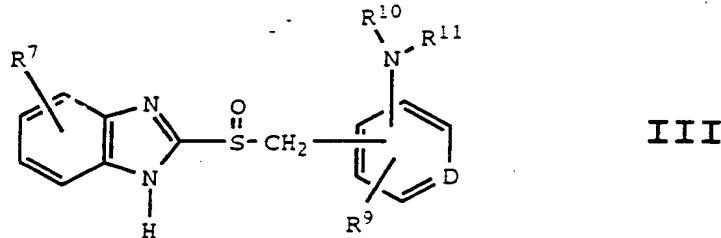
6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-pyridinamine;

5 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-ethyl-2-pyridinamine; and

5-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine.

10 Within Formula I there is a second subclass of compounds of high interest which can be used to treat viral infection by inhibiting viral proteases, represented by Formula III:

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wherein D is N or CH; wherein R⁷ is one or more radicals selected from hydrido, alkoxy, amino, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, alkyl, halo, 20 haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkanoyl, nitro, amino, alkylamino, amide, alkylamide, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl and alkylsulfonyl; wherein R⁹ is one or more radicals selected from hydrido, alkoxy, amino, alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, 25 haloalkyl, carboxyl, alkanoyl, nitro, amino, alkylamino, amide, alkylamide, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl and alkylsulfonyl; and wherein R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from hydrido and alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

A preferred class of compounds consists of those compounds of Formula III wherein R⁷ is one

or more radicals selected from hydrido, lower alkoxy, amino, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, lower alkyl, halo, lower haloalkyl, carboxyl, lower alkanoyl, lower alkylamino, amide, lower alkylamide, lower 5 alkoxycarbonyl, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl and lower alkylsulfonyl; wherein R⁹ is one or more radicals selected from hydrido, lower alkoxy, amino, lower alkyl, halo, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, lower haloalkyl, carboxyl, lower 10 alkanoyl, lower alkylamino, amide, lower alkylamide, lower alkoxycarbonyl, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl and lower alkylsulfonyl; and wherein R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from hydrido and lower alkyl; or a pharmaceutically 15 acceptable salt thereof.

A class of compounds of particular interest consists of those compounds of Formula III wherein R⁷ is one or more radicals selected from 20 hydrido, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, isopropoxy, tert-butoxy, amino, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, tert-butyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, 25 trifluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl, difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloroethyl, dichloropropyl, carboxyl, formyl, acetyl, 30 propionyl, N-methylamino, N-ethylamino, N-propylamino, N-butylamino, N-tert-butylamino, N-pentylamino, N-hexylamino, N,N-dimethylamino, amide, N-methylamide, N,N-dimethylamide, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, 35 isopropoxycarbonyl, tertbutoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl, isobutoxycarbonyl, pentoxy carbonyl, methylthio, methylsulfinyl and

methylsulfonyl; wherein R⁹ is one or more radicals selected from hydrido, methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy, isopropoxy, tert-butoxy, amino, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl, 5 tert-butyl, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, nitro, hydroxyl, fluoromethyl, difluoromethyl, trifluoromethyl, dichloromethyl, trichloromethyl, pentafluoroethyl, heptafluoropropyl, difluorochloromethyl, dichlorofluoromethyl, 10 difluoroethyl, difluoropropyl, dichloroethyl, dichloropropyl, carboxyl, formyl, acetyl, propionyl, N-methylamino, N-ethylamino, N-propylamino, N-butylamino, N-tert-butylamino, N-pentylamino, N-hexylamino, N,N-dimethylamino, 15 amide, N-methylamide, N,N-dimethylamide, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, isopropoxycarbonyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, n-butoxycarbonyl, isobutoxycarbonyl, pentoxy carbonyl, methylthio, 20 methylsulfinyl and methylsulfonyl; and wherein R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently selected from hydrido, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, isopropyl, isobutyl and tert-butyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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A family of specific compounds of particular interest within Formula III consists of compounds, and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, of the group selected from:

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2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)
methyl]benzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]N,N-dimethylbenzenamine;
35 N-[2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]phenyl]acetamide;

2-[[(4-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;
5 2-[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;
methyl 2-[[(2-aminophenyl)methyl]sulfinyl]-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole-6-carboxylate;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
10 chlorobenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5-chlorobenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methoxybenzenamine;
15 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3-methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
20 methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4,6-dimethylbenzenamine;
25 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine;
30 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-ethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-ethylbenzenamine;
35 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine;

2-[[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]benzenamine;
5 2-[[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]benzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
10 (trifluoromethyl)benzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
butylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5, 6-
dimethylbenzenamine;
15 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3, 6-
dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-
6-methylbenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-6-
20 methoxy-3-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;
2-[[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]-5, 6-dimethylbenzenamine;
25 2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl]-3, 6-dimethylbenzenamine;
2-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine;
methyl 2-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-
30 yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate;
ethyl 4-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate;
ethyl 4-amino-3-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate;
35 2-[[5, 6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine;

2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
fluorobenzenamine;
2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3,4,5-
trimethylbenzenamine;
5 2-[[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]
methyl]-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine;
3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)
methyl]benzenamine;
3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-
10 pyridinamine;
3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N,N-
dimethyl-2-pyridinamine;
6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-
pyridinamine;
15 6-[[[(4-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
20 methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
25 6-[[[(5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(5,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
30 sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(4,6-dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
6-[[[(5-(hydroxymethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine;
35 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-(2,2-
dimethylpropyl)-2-pyridinamine;

6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-ethyl-2-pyridinamine; and
5-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine.

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The invention also involves a method of treating viral infection in a subject with an effective amount of a protease inhibitor. Prerably, the subject is treated with a herpesvirus protease 10 inhibitor. More preferred is a method wherein the viral protease inhibitor is a CMV protease inhibitor. Even more preferred is a method wherein the subject is treated with an inhibitor of CMV protease, encoded by UL80.

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The invention further involves a method of treating a subject having a viral infection with an effective amount of a composition containing an (H⁺/K⁺)ATPase inhibitor and another anti-viral 20 compound. Preferably, the composition contains an (H⁺/K⁺)ATPase inhibitor and a virus-specific protease inhibitor. More preferably, the inhibitor is a serine protease inhibitor. An adjunct therapy utilizing compounds of this invention is one having 25 a combination of an (H⁺/K⁺)ATPase inhibitor and an antibiotic.

Where the term "alkyl" is used, either alone or within other terms such as "haloalkyl", 30 "alkylsulfonyl", "alkoxyalkyl" and "hydroxyalkyl", embraces linear or branched radicals having one to about twenty carbon atoms or, preferably, one to about twelve carbon atoms. More preferred alkyl radicals are "lower alkyl" radicals having one to 35 about ten carbon atoms. Most preferred are lower alkyl radicals having one to about six carbon atoms. Examples of such radicals include methyl,

ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, pentyl, iso-amyl, hexyl and the like. The term "alkenyl" denotes linear or branched radicals having two to about twenty carbon atoms or, preferably, two to about twelve carbon atoms.

5 More preferred alkenyl radicals are "lower alkenyl" radicals having two to about ten carbon atoms. Most preferred are lower alkenyl radicals having two to about six carbon atoms. Examples of such radicals

10 include ethylene, n-propylene, isopropylene, n-butylene, isobutylene, , pentene, hexene and the like. The term "alkynyl" denotes linear or branched radicals having two to about twenty carbon atoms or, preferably, two to about twelve carbon atoms.

15 More preferred alkynyl radicals are "lower alkynyl" radicals having two to about ten carbon atoms. Most preferred are lower alkynyl radicals having one to about six carbon atoms. Examples of such radicals include propargyl, butynyl, and the like. The term

20 "hydrido" denotes a single hydrogen atom (H). This hydrido radical may be attached, for example, to an oxygen atom to form a hydroxyl radical or two hydrido radicals may be attached to a carbon atom to form a methylene (-CH₂-) radical. The term

25 "halo" means halogens such as fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine. The term "haloalkyl" embraces radicals wherein any one or more of the alkyl carbon atoms is substituted with halo as defined above. Specifically embraced are monohaloalkyl,

30 dihaloalkyl and polyhaloalkyl radicals. A monohaloalkyl radical, for one example, may have either an iodo, bromo, chloro or fluoro atom within the radical. Dihalo and polyhaloalkyl radicals may have two or more of the same halo atoms or a

35 combination of different halo radicals. The term "hydroxylalkyl" embraces linear or branched alkyl radicals having one to about ten carbon atoms any

one of which may be substituted with one or more hydroxyl radicals. The terms "alkoxy" and "alkoxyalkyl" embrace linear or branched oxy-containing radicals each having alkyl portions of one to about ten carbon atoms. More preferred alkoxy radicals are "lower alkoxy" radicals having one to six carbon atoms. Examples of such radicals include methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, butoxy and tert-butoxy. The term "alkoxyalkyl" also embraces alkyl radicals having two or more alkoxy radicals attached to the alkyl radical; that is, to form monoalkoxyalkyl and dialkoxyalkyl radicals. The "alkoxy" or "alkoxyalkyl" radicals may be further substituted with one or more halo atoms, such as fluoro, chloro or bromo, to provide haloalkoxy or haloalkoxyalkyl radicals. The term "cycloalkylalkoxy" embrace cyclic oxy-containing radicals each having cycloalkyl portions of three to about ten carbon atoms. More preferred cycloalkylalkoxy radicals are "lower cycloalkylalkoxy" radicals having three to six carbon atoms. Examples of such radicals include cyclopropoxy, cyclobutoxy and cyclohexyloxy. The term " alkenyloxy" and embrace linear or branched oxy-containing radicals each having alkenyl portions of two to about ten carbon atoms. More preferred alkenyloxy radicals are "lower alkenyloxy" radicals having two to six carbon atoms. Examples of such radicals include propenoxy and butenoxy. The term "alkynyloxy" embrace linear or branched oxy-containing radicals each having alkynyl portions of two to about ten carbon atoms. More preferred alkynyloxy radicals are "lower alkynyloxy" radicals having two to six carbon atoms. Examples of such radicals include propargyloxy and pentynyloxy. The term "alkylthio" embraces radicals containing a linear or branched

alkyl radical, of one to about ten carbon atoms attached to a divalent sulfur atom, such as a methythio radical, (CH₃-S-). The term "alkenylthio" embraces radicals containing a linear or branched

5 alkenyl radical, of one to about ten carbon atoms attached to a divalent sulfur atom, such as a propenethio radical. The term "arylthio" embraces radicals containing a linear or branched aryl radical, of six to about ten carbon atoms attached

10 to a divalent sulfur atom, such as a phenylthio radical. The term "aralkylthio" embraces radicals containing a linear or branched aralkyl radical attached to a divalent sulfur atom, such as a benzylthio radical. The term "cycloalkylthio"

15 embraces radicals containing a linear or branched cycloalkyl radical, of three to about ten carbon atoms attached to a divalent sulfur atom, such as a cyclohexylthio radical. The term "alkylsulfinyl" embraces radicals containing a linear or branched

20 alkyl radical, of one to ten carbon atoms, attached to a divalent -S(=O)- radical.

"Arylsulfinyl" embraces aryl radicals attached to a sulfinyl radical, where aryl is defined below. The term "sulfonyl", whether used alone or linked to

25 other terms such as alkylsulfonyl, denotes respectively divalent radicals -SO₂-.

"Alkylsulfonyl" embraces alkyl radicals attached to a sulfonyl radical, where alkyl is defined as above. The "alkylsulfonyl" radicals may be further

30 substituted with one or more halo atoms, such as fluoro, chloro or bromo, to provide haloalkylsulfonyl radicals. The terms "sulfamyl" or "sulfonamidyl" denotes a sulfonyl radical substituted with an amine radical, forming a

35 sulfonamide (-SO₂NH₂). The terms "alkylsulfonamidyl" and "dialkylsulfonamidyl" embrace radicals having one or two alkyl radicals,

respectively, attached to a sulfonamidyl radical, where alkyl is defined as above. The term "aryl", alone or in combination, means a carbocyclic aromatic system containing one, two or three rings wherein such rings may be attached together in a pendent manner or may be fused. The term "aryl" embraces aromatic radicals such as phenyl, naphthyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indane and biphenyl. The "aryl" radicals may be further substituted with one or more halo, alkyl, nitro, cyano, haloalkoxy, alkoxy or amine radicals. The term "heterocyclic" embraces saturated, partially saturated and unsaturated heteroatom-containing ring-shaped radicals, where the heteroatoms may be selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen. Examples of saturated heterocyclic radicals include saturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms [e.g. pyrrolidinyl, imidazolidinyl, piperidino, piperazinyl, etc.]; saturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 2 oxygen atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms [e.g. morpholinyl, etc.]; saturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 2 sulfur atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms [e.g., thiazolidinyl, etc.]. Examples of partially saturated heterocyclic radicals include dihydrothiophene, thiazolinyl, dihydropyran, dihydrofuran, dihydroquinolyl, tetrahydroisoquinolyl, thiatetrahydroisoquinolyl, cycloheptenopyridine, benzoxazinyl, dihydrothienopyridinyl, tetrahydroquinolyl and dihydrothiazole. The term "heteroaryl" embraces unsaturated heterocyclic radicals. Examples of unsaturated heterocyclic radicals, also termed "heteroaryl" radicals include unsaturated 3 to 6 membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1 to 4 nitrogen atoms, for example, pyrrolyl, pyrrolinyl,

imidazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, pyrimidyl,
pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, triazolyl [e.g., 4H-1,2,4-
triazolyl, 1H-1,2,3-triazolyl, 2H-1,2,3-triazolyl,
etc.] tetrazolyl [e.g. 1H-tetrazolyl, 2H-
5 tetrazolyl, etc.], etc.; unsaturated condensed
heterocyclic group containing 1 to 5 nitrogen
atoms, for example, indolyl, isoindolyl,
indolizinyl, purinyl, azaimidazopyridyl,
benzimidazolyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, azaquinolyl,
10 azaisoquinolyl, carbostyryl, imadazopyridyl,
azachromanyl, indazolyl, benzotriazolyl,
tetrazolopyridazinyl [e.g., tetrazolo [1,5-
b]pyridazinyl, etc.], etc.; unsaturated 3 to 6-
membered heteromonocyclic group containing an
15 oxygen atom, for example, pyranyl, furyl, etc.;
unsaturated 3 to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group
containing a sulfur atom, for example, thienyl,
etc.; unsaturated 3- to 6-membered heteromonocyclic
group containing 1 to 2 oxygen atoms and 1 to 3
20 nitrogen atoms, for example, oxazolyl, isoxazolyl,
oxadiazolyl [e.g., 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl, 1,3,4-
oxadiazolyl, 1,2,5-oxadiazolyl, etc.] etc.;
unsaturated condensed heterocyclic group containing
1 to 2 oxygen atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms [e.g.
25 benzoxazolyl, benzoxadiazolyl, etc.]; unsaturated 3
to 6-membered heteromonocyclic group containing 1
to 2 sulfur atoms and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms, for
example, thiazoliy, thiadiazolyl [e.g., 1,2,4-
thiadiazolyl, 1,3,4-thiadiazolyl, 1,2,5-
30 thiadiazolyl, etc.] etc.; unsaturated condensed
heterocyclic group containing 1 to 2 sulfur atoms
and 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms [e.g., benzothiazolyl,
benzothiadiazolyl, thienopyridinyl, etc.] and the
like. The term also embraces radicals where
35 heterocyclic radicals are fused with aryl radicals.
Examples of such fused bicyclic radicals include
benzofuran, benzothiophene, and the like. Said

"heterocyclic group" may have 1 to 3 substituents such as lower alkyl, hydroxy, oxo, amino and lower alkylamino. The term "heteraralkyl" or "heteroaralkyl" embraces heteroaryl-substituted alkyl radicals such as pyridylmethyl and thienylmethyl. The term "acyl" denotes a radical provided by the residue after removal of hydroxyl from an organic acid. Examples of such acyl radicals include alkanoyl and aroyl radicals. The terms "carboxy" or "carboxyl", whether used alone or with other terms, such as "carboxyalkyl", denotes $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$. The term "carbonyl", whether used alone or with other terms, such as "alkoxycarbonyl", denotes $-(\text{C}=\text{O})-$. The term "alkylcarbonyl" means a radical containing an alkyl radical, as defined above, attached via an oxygen atom to a carbonyl radical. Examples of such "alkylcarbonyl" radicals include substituted or unsubstituted methylcarbonyl, ethylcarbonyl, propylcarbonyl, butylcarbonyl and hexylcarbonyl. The term "alkylcarbonylalkyl" denotes an alkyl radical substituted with an alkylcarbonyl radical as defined above. The term "cycloalkylcarbonyl" means a radical containing an cycloalkyl radical, as defined above, attached via an oxygen atom to a carbonyl radical. Examples of such "cycloalkylcarbonyl" radicals include substituted or unsubstituted cyclopropylcarbonyl, cyclobutylcarbonyl, cyclopentylcarbonyl and cyclohexylcarbonyl. The term "alkoxycarbonyl" means a radical containing an alkoxy radical, as defined above, attached via an oxygen atom to a carbonyl radical. Examples of such "alkoxycarbonyl" ester radicals include substituted or unsubstituted methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, propoxycarbonyl, butoxycarbonyl and hexyloxycarbonyl. The term "alkoxycarbonylalkyl" embraces radicals having

"alkoxycarbonyl", as defined above substituted to an alkyl radical. Examples of similar radicals include substituted or unsubstituted "aryloxy carbonyl" [e.g. phenoxy carbonyl, 4-nitro phenoxy carbonyl, 2-naphthyl oxy carbonyl, etc.], substituted or unsubstituted "aralkoxycarbonyl" [e.g. benzyl oxy carbonyl, phenethyl oxy carbonyl, benzhydryl oxy carbonyl, 4-nitro benzyl oxy carbonyl, etc.] and the like. The "alkanoyl" radicals may be a substituted or unsubstituted one such as formyl, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, isobutyryl, valeryl, isovaleryl, pivaloyl, hexanoyl, trifluoroacetyl or the like, in which the preferable one is formyl, acetyl, propionyl or trifluoroacetyl. The "aroyl" radicals may be benzoyl, naphthoyl, toluoyl, di(tert-butyl)benzoyl and the like and the aryl in said aryl may be additionally substituted. The term "acyloxy" denotes an acyl substituted oxygen atom, such as CH_3CO_2^- . The term "aralkyl" embraces aryl-substituted alkyl radicals such as benzyl, diphenylmethyl, triphenylmethyl, phenethyl, and diphenethyl. The terms benzyl and phenylmethyl are interchangeable. The term "cycloalkyl" embraces radicals having three to ten carbon atoms, such as cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl. The term "cycloalkenyl" embraces unsaturated radicals having three to ten carbon atoms, such as cyclopropenyl, cyclobutenyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl and cycloheptenyl. The term "aryloxy" embraces oxy-containing aryl radicals attached through an oxygen atom to other radicals. More preferred aryloxy radicals are "lower aryloxy" radicals having a phenyl radical. An example of such radicals is phenoxy. The term "aryloxyalkyl" embraces alkyl radicals having one or more aryloxy radicals attached to the alkyl radical, that is, to form monoaryloxyalkyl and diaryloxyalkyl radicals.

The "aryloxy" or "aryloxyalkyl" radicals may be further substituted to provide haloaryloxyalkyl radicals alkylaryloxy radicals, and the like.

Examples of such radicals include chlorophenoxy and

5 methylphenoxy. The term "aralkyloxy" embrace oxy- containing aralkyl radicals attached through an oxygen atom to other radicals. The "aralkyloxy" radicals may be further substituted on the aryl ring portion of the radical. The term "aminoalkoxy" embraces alkoxy radicals substituted with amino radicals. The term "alkylamino" denotes amino groups which have been substituted with one or two alkyl radicals. Suitable "alkylamino" may be mono or dialkylamino such as N-methylamino, N-

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ethylamino, N,N-dimethylamino, N,N-diethylamino or the like. The term "alkylaminoalkyl" denotes an alkyl radical substituted with an alkylamino radical, as the terms are defined above. The term "alkanoylamino" denotes an amino radical substituted with an alkanoyl radical, as the terms are defined above. The term "arylamino" denotes amino groups which have been substituted with one or two aryl radicals, such as N-phenylamino. The term "aralkylamino" denotes amino groups which have been substituted with one or two aralkyl radicals, such as N-benzylamino, N-phenethylamino and phenpropylamino. The "aralkylamino" or "arylamino" radicals may be further substituted on the aryl ring portion of the radical. The term "N-alkyl-N- arylamino" denote amino radicals substituted with one alkyl and one aryl radical. The terms "amide" and "carbamoyl", whether used by themselves or with other terms such as "N-monoalkylamide", "N- monoarylamide", "N,N-dialkylamide", "N-alkyl-N- arylamide", "alkylcarbamoyl", "dialkylcarbamoyl" and "carbamoyloxy", denote a radical formed by an amino substituted carbonyl, or $-C(=O)NH_2$. The terms

"alkylcarbamoyl" or "N-alkylamide" and "N,N-dialkylamide" or "dialkylcarbamoyl", denote amido groups which have been substituted with one alkyl radical and with two alkyl radicals, respectively.

5 The N-alkylamide may be substituted with halo or an unsubstituted one such as N-methylamide, N-ethylamide, N-propylamide, N,N-dimethylamide, 2,2,2-trifluoroethylamide or the like. The terms "N-monoaryl amide" and "N-alkyl-N-aryl amide" denote 10 amido radicals substituted, respectively, with one aryl radical, and one alkyl and one aryl radical. The N-aryl amide may be phenylamide, naphthylamide, tolyl amide, xylyl amide, mesityl amide, cumenyl amide, and the like, in which the preferable one is 15 phenylamide. The term "carbamoyloxy" denote a radical formed by an oxy substituted carbamoyl, or -OC(=O)NH₂. The term "alkylimino" denotes imino groups (=NH) which have been substituted with an alkyl radical. Suitable "alkylimino" may be 20 methylimino, ethylimino or the like.

Also included in the family of compounds of Formula I are isomeric forms including diastereomers, regioisomers, prodrugs and the 25 pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof. The term "pharmaceutically-acceptable salts" embraces salts commonly used to form alkali metal salts and to form addition salts of free acids or free bases. The nature of the salt is not critical, provided 30 that it is pharmaceutically-acceptable. Suitable pharmaceutically-acceptable acid addition salts of compounds of Formula I may be prepared from an inorganic acid or from an organic acid. Examples of such inorganic acids are hydrochloric, hydrobromic, 35 hydroiodic, nitric, carbonic, sulfuric and phosphoric acid. Appropriate organic acids may be selected from aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic,

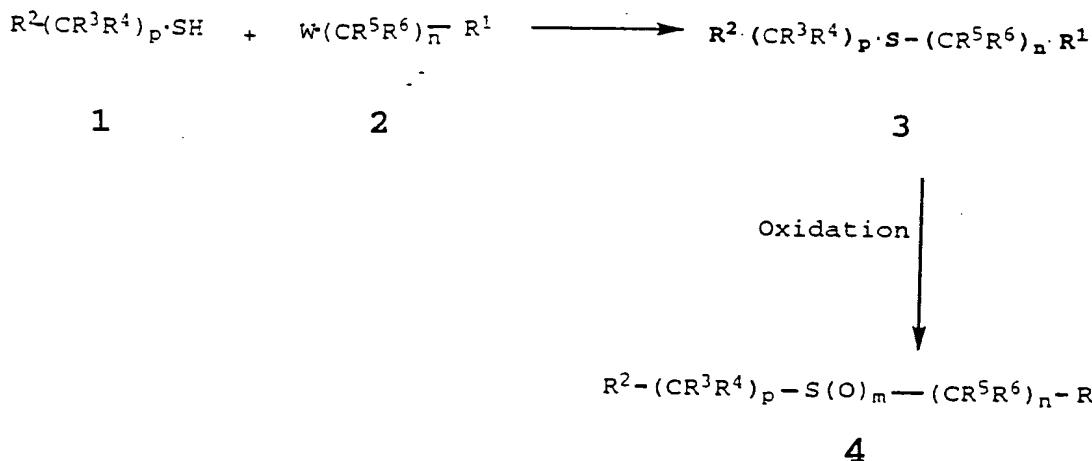
araliphatic, heterocyclic, carboxylic and sulfonic classes of organic acids, example of which are formic, acetic, propionic, succinic, glycolic, gluconic, lactic, malic, tartaric, citric, 5 ascorbic, glucuronic, maleic, fumaric, pyruvic, aspartic, glutamic, benzoic, anthranilic, mesylic, salicyclic, salicyclic, *p*-hydroxybenzoic, phenylacetic, mandelic, embonic (pamoic), methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, 10 pantothenic, toluenesulfonic, 2-hydroxyethanesulfonic, sulfanilic, stearic, cyclohexylaminosulfonic, algenic, β -hydroxybutyric, salicyclic, galactaric and galacturonic acid. Suitable pharmaceutically-acceptable base addition 15 salts of compounds of Formula I include metallic salts made from aluminum, calcium, lithium, magnesium, potassium, sodium and zinc or organic salts made from N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, chloroprocaine, choline, diethanolamine, 20 ethylenediamine, meglumine (N-methylglucamine) and procaine. All of these salts may be prepared by conventional means from the corresponding compound of Formula I by reacting, for example, the appropriate acid or base with the compound of 25 Formula I.

The invention is applicable to viral infections and is preferably for use in subjects infected with a DNA virus. More preferably, the 30 method can be used for subjects infected with a herpesvirus, such as HSV-1, HSV-2, CMV, and the like.

GENERAL SYNTHETIC PROCEDURES

The compounds of this invention may be
 5 prepared by the methods illustrated in the following
 Schemes. Unless otherwise specified, the various
 substituents are defined as for Formula I-III, above.

Scheme I illustrates the preparation of
 10 sulfur-containing compounds of Formula I.

SCHEME I

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Thio compounds 3 are prepared by at least
 two routes, each of which uses a mercaptoheterocycle
 1. In the preferred route, the mercaptoheterocycle
 20 1 reacts with starting material 2, such as 2-
 aminobenzylhalide in which W is a halogen, and
 preferably chlorine or bromine. Typical conditions
 include reaction at room temperature in an organic
 solvent, such as absolute ethanol or
 25 dimethylformamide (DMF). For those compounds which
 form hydrohalide salts, the corresponding neutral
 compounds of 3 are readily obtained by methods known
 to those skilled in the art. For example, treating

such a salt with base (such as aqueous potassium carbonate or preferably sodium hydroxide), followed by extraction into a non-protic organic solvent (such as dichloromethane or chloroform), gives the free 5 base form of 3.

2-Aminobenzyl halides starting material 2, in which W is halogen, are obtained commercially or are prepared from corresponding 2-aminobenzyl 10 alcohols 2, in which W is OH, or 2-methylsulfinylmethylanilines 2, in which W is CH_3SO , by synthetic methods well known in the art. For example, reaction of the alcohol with a halogenating reagent, such as thionyl chloride, phosphorus 15 oxychloride, oxalyl chloride, and the like, in an inert organic solvent, such as dichloromethane or chloroform, will give corresponding 2-aminobenzyl chlorides as the hydrochloride salts. A preferred method involves treating the alcohol with 20 hydrochloric or hydrobromic acid at temperatures between about room temperature and about 100°C. See B. Beilenson and F. M. Hamer, J. Chem. Soc., 98-102 (1942).

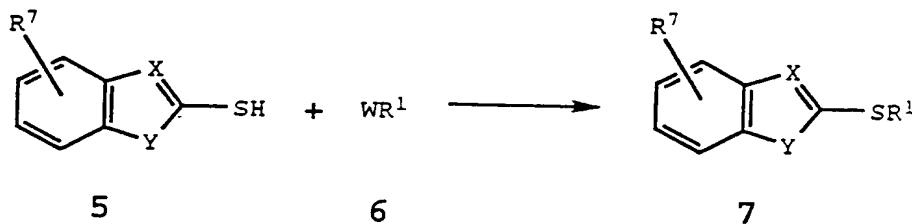
25 Where an appropriate 2-aminobenzyl halide 2 is not readily available, thio compounds 3 may also be prepared by an acid-catalyzed reaction of the 2-mercaptopheterocycle 1 with compounds 2. Preferred conditions include heating a mixture of compounds 1 30 and 2 in glacial acetic acid containing excess (relative to 1 and 2) sulfuric acid. After quenching the reaction by pouring the mixture over ice, the thio compounds 3 are isolated by methods known in the art, including extraction, recrystallization and 35 chromatography. Where an initially required 2-aminobenzyl alcohol 2 is not commercially available,

corresponding 2-aminobenzoic acids or 2-aminobenzaldehydes may be reduced using methods known in the art, such as hydrogenation, reaction with lithium aluminum hydride, and the like. Various 5 methods for preparing appropriate aminobenzoic acids are known. See, e.g., Baker *et al.*, J. Org. Chem., 17, 141-148, 149-156 (1952). Corresponding 2-nitrobenzyl alcohols or 2-nitrobenzaldehydes may also be reduced using methods known in the art, such as 10 catalytic hydrogenation, to provide the 2-aminobenzyl alcohols.

The sulfoxide compounds 4 of this invention are prepared by oxidation of compounds 3 using 15 methods known to those skilled in the art. Commonly used oxidizing agents include, for example, peracids, such as *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid; magnesium monoperoxyphthalate; peresters; peroxides, such as hydrogen peroxide; sodium metaperiodate; selenium dioxide; manganese dioxide; iodosobenzene; and the like. Preferred conditions for preparing sulfoxides 20 4 include oxidizing compounds 3 with an approximately equimolar quantity of *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid in an organic solvent, such as dichloromethane, at temperatures between about 0°C and about room temperature. Oxidization may be 25 terminated by adding dimethylsulfide.

Scheme II illustrates the preparation of 30 sulfur-containing compounds 7 of Formula II.

SCHEME II



5 Benzimidazole compounds 7 of Formula II are prepared by at least two routes, similar to that of Scheme I, above, each using a 2-mercaptobenzimidazole 5. In the preferred route, the 2-mercaptobenzimidazole 5 reacts with starting material 6, such as 2-aminobenzyl halide in which W is a halogen, and preferably chlorine or bromine. Typical conditions include reaction at room temperature in an organic solvent such as absolute ethanol or DMF. For those compounds which form hydrohalide salts, the corresponding neutral compounds 7 of Formula II are readily obtained by methods known to those skilled in the art. For example, treating such a salt with base (such as aqueous potassium carbonate or sodium hydroxide), followed by extraction into a non-protic organic solvent (such as dichloromethane or chloroform), gives the free base form of 7.

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The 2-aminobenzyl halides of 6, in which W is halogen, are obtained commercially or are prepared from corresponding 2-aminobenzyl alcohols, in which W is OH, or 2-methylsulfinylmethylanilines, in which W is CH₃SO, by synthetic methods well known in the art and described above in Scheme I.

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Where an appropriate 2-aminobenzyl alcohol starting material 6 is not readily available,

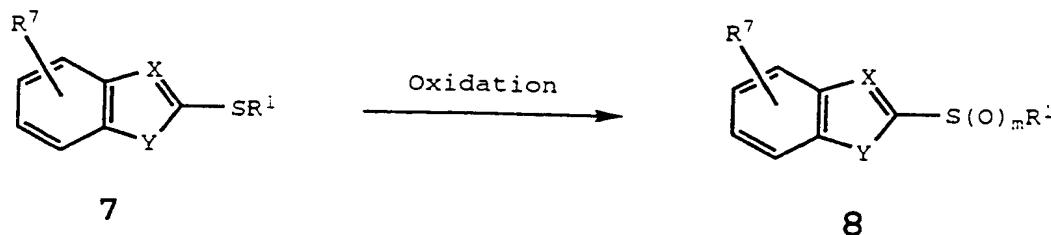
compounds of Formula II may also be prepared by an acid-catalyzed reaction of the 2-mercaptobenzimidazole 5 with 2-aminobenzyl alcohols as described above in Scheme I.

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Scheme III illustrates the preparation of sulfoxide- and sulfonyl-containing compounds of Formula II.

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Scheme III



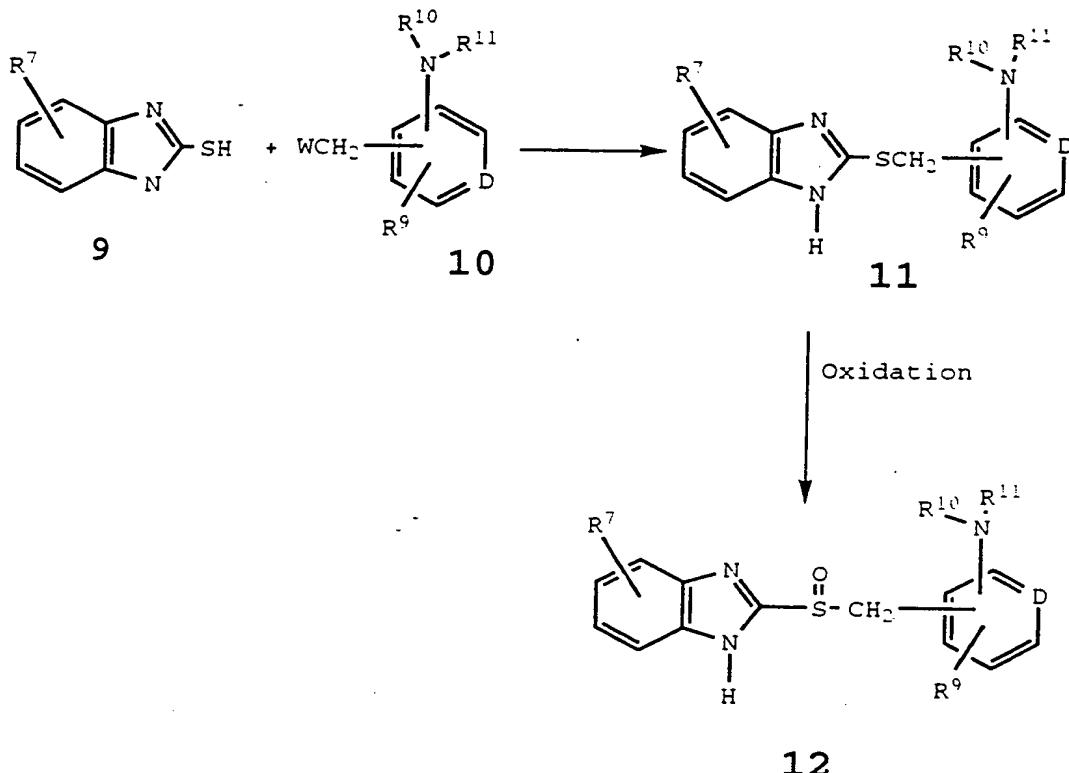
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The sulfoxide and sulfonyl containing compounds of this invention are prepared by oxidation of benzimidazoles 7 of Formula II using methods known to those skilled in the art. Commonly used 10 oxidizing agents include, for example, peracids, such as m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid; peresters; peroxides, such as hydrogen peroxide; sodium metaperiodate; selenium dioxide; manganese dioxide; iodosobenzene; and the like. Preferred conditions for preparing 15 sulfoxides 8 include oxidizing benzimidazoles 7 of Formula II with an approximately equimolar quantity of m-chloroperoxybenzoic acid in an organic solvent, such as dichloromethane, at temperatures between about 0°C and about room temperature. Oxidization 20 may be terminated by adding dimethylsulfide.

Scheme IV illustrates the preparation of sulfoxide- and sulfonyl-containing compounds of Formula II.

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Scheme IV



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Thio compounds 11 are prepared by a route which uses 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole 9. The 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole 9 reacts with a 2-aminobenzyl halide or aminopyridyl halide 10 in which W is a halogen, preferably chlorine or bromine. Typical conditions include reaction at room temperature in an organic solvent such as absolute ethanol or isopropyl alcohol. For those compounds which form hydrohalide salts, the corresponding neutral compounds of 11 are readily obtained by methods known to those skilled in the art. For example, treating such a salt with base (such as aqueous potassium carbonate or preferably sodium hydroxide), followed by extraction into a non-protic organic solvent (such as dichloromethane or chloroform), gives the free base form of 11. The sulfoxide and

sulfonyl containing compounds 12 of this invention are prepared by oxidation of 11 using methods as disclosed above in Scheme III.

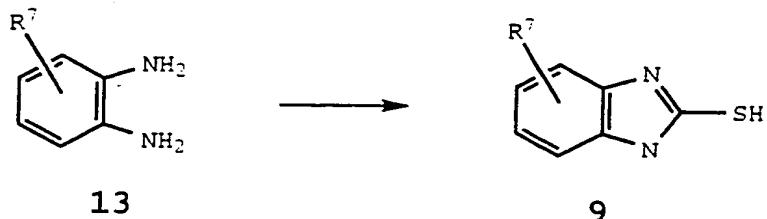
5 Certain of the 2-amino compounds 9 are more conveniently prepared as phthalimide derivatives (that is, where NR¹⁰R¹¹ is the phthalimide group) and used to prepare corresponding phthalimide derivatives of intermediates 10, as illustrated in the Examples.

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10 Although treatment of such phthalimide derivatives with hydrazine in an alcohol would yield corresponding anilines (that is, intermediates 10 where R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are both hydrogen), the preferred 15 next step is oxidation (as described above) to corresponding phthalimide derivatives of sulfoxides 12. Treatment of the phthalimide derivatives of such sulfoxides with hydrazine hydrate in an alcohol, preferably methanol or ethanol, yields compounds 12 20 in which R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are both hydrogen.

25 Although some of the 2-mercaptobenzimidazoles 9 are commercially available, others may be prepared by synthetic methods known to those skilled in the art. For example, Scheme V illustrates the preparation of 2-mercaptobenzimidazoles from substituted diaminobenzenes of 13.

Scheme V



5 A preferred cyclization method employs an alkali metal alkylxanthate salt of the formula alkyl-O(C=O)S⁻ M⁺, where M⁺ represents an alkali metal ion. Such an alkylxanthate salt may be preformed by methods known in the art or may be formed in situ by 10 mixing an alkali metal hydroxide (preferably sodium hydroxide) and carbon disulfide in an alcohol (preferably ethanol). Preferred cyclization conditions include heating an aqueous or alcoholic mixture of a diaminobenzene 13 with sodium or 15 potassium ethylxanthate at reflux under an inert atmosphere, such as argon.

Some of the derivatives of Formula I, to be used according to this invention, are the subject matter of the following patents and publications and can be obtained according to the preparation methods described therein.

The
25 alkoxy carbonylalkylsulfinylthiazolo(5,4-b)pyridines
of the Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the
methods described in U.S. Patent No. 5,079,255.

30 The alkoxyalkylsulfinylbenzothiazoles of the Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in EP 370,436.

The aminoethylthio-(1H)-benzimidazoles of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in JP 3,014,566.

5 The imidazopyridinylalkylthio-1H-benzimidazoles and imidazopyridinylalkylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles of the Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,687,775 and 4,721,718 and WO 8,705,021.

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The pyridylalkylthio-1H-benzimidazoles and pyridylalkylsulfinyl-1H-benzimidazoles of the Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,049,674, 4,772,619,

15 5,019,584, 5,008,278, 5,045,552, 5,075,323, 5,124,158, 5,250,527, 4,753,955, 4,738,975, 4,727,150, 4,873,337, 4,758,579, 4,619,997, 4,555,518, 4,359,465, 4,255,431, 4,045,563, 4,818,760, WO 9,006,925, WO 9,119,711, WO 9,119,712,

20 20 WO 8,903830, WO 8,900,566, DE 4,035,455, DE 3,415,971, EP 481,764, EP 475,456, EP 446,961, EP 298,440, EP 295,603, EP 184,322, EP 178,438, EP 167,943, JP 2,049,774, JP 3,052,887, JP 3,048,680, JP 62,026,275, JP 63,183,577, JP 62,061,978, JP 25 61,178,919, JP 61,085,383 and JP 5,117,268.

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25 The imidazolylalkylthiobenzimidazoles can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in JP 63,091,385.

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30 The morpholinoalkylsulfinylbenzimidazoles of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent No. 4,013,776.

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25 The pyridylalkylthiocycloalkylimidazoles of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent No. 4,735,955.

30 The aralkylalkylthiocycloalkylimidazoles of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in JP 1,121,274 and JP 1,121,271.

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15 Pyridylalkylsulfinylimidazopyridines and pyridylalkylthio-imidazopyridines of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,808,596 and 5,049,566, JP 1,190,682, JP 63,146,,883 and JP 62,145,084.

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Pyridylalkylthiobenzothiazoles of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in JP 62,207,271.

25 Pyridylalkylthioquinolines of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in JP 62,209,062.

30 Pyrimidinylsulfinyl-quinolines of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent No. 4,808,591.

35 Pyridylalkylsulfinyl-quinazolinones of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent No. 4,833,144.

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30 Pyrimidinylthioalkylimidazoles of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in DT 2,403,340.

35 Pyridinylthioalkyl-dihydro-1H-imidazoles of Formula I can be prepared with the aid of the methods described in U.S. Patent No. 4,506,074.

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Acid addition salts of this invention may be prepared during the course of the reactions (as described above), by ion exchange from those or other such salts using methods known in the art, or by 10 acidification of free bases of the compounds. Base addition salts of this invention by methods known in the art, including those methods disclosed in British Patent No. 2,137,616.

15 The following examples contain detailed descriptions of the methods of preparation of compounds of Formula I-III. These detailed descriptions fall within the scope, and serve to exemplify, the above described General Synthetic 20 Procedures which form part of the invention. These detailed descriptions are presented for illustrative purposes only and are not intended as a restriction on the scope of the invention. All parts are by weight and temperatures are in degrees Centigrade unless 25 otherwise indicated. Omeprazole can be made as described in U.S. Patent No. 4,255,431.

Example 1

30 2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-N,N-dimethylbenzenamine

A mixture of 2.20 g (14.6 mmole) of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 3.0 g (14.6 mmole) of 2-35 (chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in 120 ml of absolute ethanol were stirred under nitrogen for about two hours. A solid (4.8 g) was collected by

filtration, washed with ethanol, and air-dried. The solid was dissolved in water and made basic with potassium carbonate, then extracted into dichloromethane. The organic phase was dried over 5 sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to dryness. Recrystallization from acetonitrile gave 2.3 g of a white solid (first crop). Concentration of the acetonitrile liquors gave 0.7 g of a second crop. The two crops were combined and recrystallized from 10 isopropyl alcohol, giving the title compound as an analytically pure solid, m.p. 167-170°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃S: C, 67.81; H, 6.05; N, 14.83; S, 11.31. Found: C, 67.84; H, 6.19; N, 14.73; S, 11.50.

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Example 2**2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]benzenamine**

20 A mixture of 9.0 g (60 mmole) of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole and 4.9 g (40 mmole) of 2-aminobenzyl alcohol were heated at 84°C in a mixture of 45 ml of glacial acetic acid and 12.0 g (120 mmole) of sulfuric acid. After two hours an additional 1 g 25 (8 mmole) of 2-aminobenzyl alcohol and 1 g of sulfuric acid were added. After one hour the reaction mixture was cooled and poured into cold benzenamine hemihydrate.

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Example 3**2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]benzenamine**

35 The title product of Example 2 (830 mg, 3.25 mmole) was dissolved in about 200 ml of boiling chloroform and then cooled to about -10 °C. A

solution of 662 mg (ca. 3.25 mmole) of ca. 85% *m*-chloroperoxybenzoic acid in 10 ml of chloroform was then added with stirring over about ten minutes. After another thirty minutes, the reaction was 5 quenched with 4 drops of dimethylsulfide and a white solid was collected by filtration. The solid was washed sequentially with chloroform and diethyl ether, then air dried, giving 550 mg of the title compound: m.p. 164-165°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₃N₃OS*1/2 H₂O: C, 59.98; H, 5.03; N, 15.00; S, 11.44. Found: C, 10 60.11; H, 4.82; N, 14.93; S, 11.44.

Example 4

15 2-[(1*H*-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]N,N-dimethylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.5 g of the title product of 20 Example 1 instead of the title product of Example 2. Recrystallization from diethyl ether gave 786 mg of the title compound: m.p. 107-109°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS: C, 64.19; H, 5.72; N, 14.04; S, 10.71. Found: C, 64.44; H, 5.83; N, 14.12; S, 11.06.

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Example 5

N-[2-[(1*H*-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]phenyl]acetamide

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A solution of 10 g (81.3 mmole) of 2-aminobenzyl alcohol and 50 ml (ca. 530 mmole) of acetic anhydride was allowed to stand in 200 ml of pyridine for 20 hours. The solution was concentrated 35 in vacuo and the resultant solid was washed with diethyl ether. The resultant diacetyl intermediate was collected as white needles. A mixture of 7.30 g

(35.3 mmole) of the intermediate and 7.30 g (52.9 mmole) of potassium carbonate was stirred for 30 minutes in 300 ml of methanol. After removing insolubles by filtration, the filtrate was 5 concentrated to give the N-acetyl intermediate. The material was suspended in 1 liter of dichloromethane to which was added 10 ml (ca. 137 mmole) of thionyl chloride. After 19 hours the reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness. Chloroform was added to the 10 residue and then removed *in vacuo* to give crude N-(2-chloromethylphenyl)acetamide, which was used in the subsequent reaction without further purification. Using the method described in Example 1 with N-(2-chloromethylphenyl) acetamide instead of 2- 15 (chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline produced 3.9 g of the title compound: m.p. 218-222°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₃OS: C, 64.62; H, 5.08; N, 14.13; S, 10.78. Found: C, 64.20; H, 5.20; N, 14.02; S, 11.06.

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Example 6

N-[2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]phenyl]acetamide

25 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.80 g of the title product of Example 5 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with diethylether gave 1.52 g of the title compound: m.p. 201-202.5°C. Analysis. Calc'd. 30 for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂S: C, 61.32; H, 4.82; N, 13.41; S, 10.23. Found: C, 61.00; H, 4.90; N, 13.28; S, 10.50.

Example 72-[[[4-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)thio]methyl]benzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 3.52 g of 2-mercaptop-4-methylbenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 3.52 g of 2-(chloromethyl) aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Recrystallization from diethyl ether gave 1.23 g of the title compound: m.p. 125-127°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃S: C, 66.89; H, 5.61; N, 15.60; S, 11.90. Found: C, 66.76; H, 5.62; N, 15.41; S, 11.87.

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Example 82-[[[4-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)sulfinyl]methyl] benzenamine hemihydrate

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The title compound (740 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 900 mg of the title product of Example 7 instead of the title product of Example 2. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃OS*1/2 H₂O: C, 61.20; H, 5.48; N, 14.27; S, 10.89. Found: C, 61.21; H, 5.05; N, 13.88; S, 11.12.

Example 9

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2-[[[5,6-Dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-
yl)thio]methyl]benzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2.56 g of 5,6-dimethyl-2-mercaptopbenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 2.56 g of 2-(chloromethyl) aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-

dimethylaniline. Instead of using sodium carbonate in an extraction, the crude precipitate was neutralized with triethylamine in methanol. Trituration of the resultant crude title compound with methanol and 5 diethyl ether gave 2.0 g of analytically pure title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for $C_{15}H_{15}N_3S$: C, 67.81; H, 6.05; N, 14.83; S, 11.31. Found: C, 67.21; H, 6.16; N, 14.50; S, 11.06.

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Example 10

2-[[[5,6-Dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl] benzenamine 1/4 hydrate

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The title compound, m.p. 179-181°C, was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.52 g of the title product of Example 9 instead of the title product of Example 2. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS*1/4 H₂O: C, 63.24; H, 5.80; N, 13.83; S, 10.55. Found: C, 62.80; H, 5.49; N, 13.53; S, 10.76.

Example 11

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2-[[[5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl] benzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.68 g (9.33 mmole) of 2-mercaptop-5-methoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole and 1.99 g (11.2 mmole) of 2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in 250 ml of isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 5% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. Chromatography on silica gel, followed by crystallization from diethylether, gave 520 mg of pure

title compound: m.p. 140-142°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃OS: C, 63.14; H, 5.30; N, 14.73; S, 11.23. Found: C, 63.44; H, 5.42; N, 14.43; S, 11.07.

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Example 12

2-[[[5-Methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl] benzenamine

10 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.20 g of the title product of Example 11 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with diethylether gave 1.04 g of the title compound: m.p. 147-148°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for 15 C₁₅H₁₅N₃O₂S: C, 59.78; H, 5.02; N, 13.94; S, 10.64. Found: C, 59.30; H, 4.95; N, 13.55; S, 10.73.

Example 13

20 Methyl 2-[[[2-aminophenyl)methyl]thio]-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole-6-carboxylate, dihydrochloride

25 To a mixture of 29.0 g (0.16 mole) of methyl-4-amino-2-methoxybenzoate, 0.5 g of 4-dimethylaminopyridine, and 16.0 gm (0.16 mole) of triethylamine in 500 ml of dichloromethane was added in batches 22 ml (ca. 0.23 mole) of acetic acid. After two hours the reaction mixture was neutralized 30 with sodium bicarbonate (in solution and as a solid). The organic phase was washed successively with aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The organic phase was washed successively with aqueous sodium bicarbonate and brine, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and 35 concentrated in vacuo. Recrystallization from toluene gave 30 g of methyl-4-acetamido-2-methoxybenzoate. To 100 ml of fuming nitric acid, stirred at -40°C, was

slowly added 22.3 g (0.10 mole) of the acetylated intermediate. After about twenty minutes the mixture was warmed to 0°C and stirred for another twenty minutes. The mixture was poured onto one liter of ice

5 and the resultant precipitate was collected. Recrystallization from toluene/ethanol gave 14.2 g of the nitrated and deacetylated compound, methyl-4-amino-2-methoxy-5-nitrobenzoate. (Under similar conditions in which the acetyl group is not removed,

10 saponification with methanolic sodium hydroxide gives the same product.) Hydrogenation of the nitro intermediate in tetrahydrofuran using Raney nickel as catalyst gave methyl-4,5-diamino-2-methoxybenzoate. A mixture of 4.83 g (24.6 mmole) of the diamine and 7.08 g (49.2 mmole) of potassium ethylxanthate was heated

15 at reflux under argon in 40 ml of water. The resultant product mixture was chromatographed on silica gel to give 1.5 g of methyl-2-mercaptop-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole-6-carboxylate. (Analysis.

20 Calc'd. for $C_{10}H_{10}N_2O_3S$: C, 50.41; H, 4.23; N, 11.76; S, 13.46. Found: C, 50.30; H, 4.19; N, 11.71; S, 13.12.) The title compound was then prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.19 g (5.0 mmole) of methyl-2-mercaptop-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole-6-

25 carboxylate instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 0.97 g (5.5 mmole) of 2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Analysis. Calc'd. for $C_{17}H_{17}N_3O_3S \cdot 2HCl$: C, 49.05; H, 4.60; N, 10.09; S, 7.70;

30 C1, 17.03. Found: C, 49.37; H, 4.77; N, 9.72; S, 7.43; C1, 16.77.

Example 14

Methyl 2-[(2-aminophenyl)methyl]sulfinyl]-5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazole-6-carboxylate

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The title compound is prepared by the method of Example 3 using the title product of Example 11 instead of the title product of Example 2.

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Example 15

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-chlorobenzanamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 6.0 g of 2-(bromomethyl)-4-chloroaniline hydrobromide instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline and isopropyl alcohol instead of ethanol. Concentration to dryness, chromatography on silica gel, and crystallization from methanol to which was added water, gave 343 mg of the title compound: m.p. 114-118°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₂N₃ClS: C, 58.02; H, 4.17; N, 14.50; Cl, 12.23; S, 11.06. Found: C, 58.16; H, 4.24; N, 14.44; Cl, 12.35; S, 11.35.

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Example 16

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chlorobenzanamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.36 g of the title product of Example 15 instead of the title product of Example 2 and dichloromethane instead of chloroform. After the initial trituration, purification was effected using chromatography on silica gel. Trituration with

methanol/dichloromethane gave 316 mg of the title compound: m.p. 210-211°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₃N₃OClS: C, 54.99; H, 3.96; N, 13.74; Cl, 11.59; S, 10.48. Found: C, 54.87; H, 3.91; N, 13.55; Cl, 12.26; S, 10.61.

Example 17

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-5-chlorobenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 5.40 g of 2-(bromomethyl)-5-chloroaniline hydrobromide instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in 100 ml of isopropyl alcohol. Chromatography on silica gel and recrystallization from acetonitrile gave 160 mg of the title compound: m.p. 158-160.5°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₂N₃ClS: C, 58.03; H, 4.17; N, 12.23; S, 11.06. Found: C, 57.95; H, 4.22; N, 14.41; Cl, 12.54; S, 10.96.

Example 18

25 2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5-
chlorobenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.13 g of the title product of Example 17 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with chloroform gave 1.04 g of the title compound: m.p. 173.5-175.5°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₂N₃ClOS: C, 54.99; H, 3.96; N, 13.74; Cl, 11.59; S, 10.48. Found: C, 54.37; H, 3.99; N, 13.43; Cl, 11.52; S, 10.21.

Example 19

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-methoxybenzenamine dihydrochloride

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2.85 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-4-methoxyaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. The precipitate 10 was not neutralized with base but was instead washed sequentially with ethanol and diethyl ether, giving 2.56 g of the title compound as the dihydrochloride, m.p. 206-208°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃OS*2HCl: C, 50.29; H, 4.78; N, 11.73; S, 8.95; Cl, 19.79. Found: 15 C, 49.95; H, 4.57; N, 11.55; S, 9.07; Cl, 19.09.

Example 20

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methoxybenzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.20 g of the free base of the title product of Example 19 instead of the title 25 product of Example 2. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 900 mg of the title compound: m.p. 152-153°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃O₂S: C, 59.78; H, 5.02; N, 13.94; S, 10.64. Found: C, 59.01; H, 4.97; N, 13.65; S, 10.65.

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Example 21

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine hemihydrate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 4.16 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-6-

methoxyaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 2.40g of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃OS*1/2 H₂O: C, 61.20; H, 5.48; N, 14.27; S, 10.89. Found: C, 61.79; H, 5.10; N, 14.72; S, 11.10.

Example 22

10 2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine hemihydrate

15 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.50 g of the title product of Example 21 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo and triturated with diethyl ether. After filtration, the filtrate deposited 202 mg of the title compound: m.p. 141-143°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃O₂S*1/2 H₂O: C, 58.05; H, 5.20; N, 13.54; S, 10.33. Found: C, 57.65; H, 5.17; N, 13.19; S, 10.50.

Example 23

25 2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-3-methylbenzenamine

30 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 3.55 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-3-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 2.31g of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃S: C, 66.89; H, 5.61; N, 15.60; S, 11.90. Found: C, 66.61; H, 5.53; N, 15.52; S, 11.80.

Example 24

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3-methylbenzenamine 1/4 hydrate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.07 g of the title product of Example 23 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with dichloromethane gave 327 mg of the title compound: m.p. 152-153°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃OS*1/4 H₂O: C, 62.21; H, 5.31; N, 14.51; S, 11.07. Found: C, 62.28; H, 5.05; N, 14.46; S, 11.22.

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Example 25

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2-(chloromethyl)-4-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Chromatography on silica gel gave 650 mg of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃S: C, 66.89; H, 5.61; N, 15.60; S, 11.90. Found: C, 66.70; H, 5.65; N, 15.50; S, 11.85.

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Example 26

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.68 g of the title product of Example 25 instead of the title product of Example 2 and using 1,2-dichloroethane as solvent instead of chloroform. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 3.0 g of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for

$C_{15}H_{15}N_3OS$: C, 63.14; H, 5.30; N, 14.73; S, 11.23.
 Found: C, 61.44; H, 4.98; N, 14.35; S, 11.10.

Example 27

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2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method
 10 of Example 1 using 5.00 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-6-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Trituration with hexane gave 3.33 g of the title compound: m.p. 130-134°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for $C_{15}H_{15}N_3S$: C, 66.89; H, 5.61; N, 15.60; S, 11.90. Found: C, 66.85; H, 5.61; N, 15.20; S, 11.50.

Example 28

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2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method
 25 of Example 3 using 1.68 g of the title product of Example 27 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with acetonitrile gave 948 mg of the title compound: m.p. 156-157°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for $C_{15}H_{15}N_3OS$: C, 63.14; H, 5.30; N, 14.73; S, 11.23. Found: C, 62.91; H, 5.18; N, 14.33; S, 11.08.

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Example 29

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2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4,6-dimethylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.68 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-4,6-

dimethylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Crystallization from diethyl ether gave 788 mg of the title compound: m.p. 139-141°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃S: C, 67.81; H, 6.05; N, 14.83; S, 11.31. Found: C, 67.30; H, 5.93; N, 14.66; S, 11.29.

Example 30

10 2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4,6-dimethylbenzenamine hemihydrate

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 950 mg of the title product of Example 29 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with diethylether gave 434 mg of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS*1/2 H₂O: C, 62.23; H, 5.88; N, 13.63; S, 10.40. Found: C, 62.39; H, 5.72; N, 13.50; S, 10.65.

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Example 31

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-N-methylbenzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 28.8 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-N-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 22.5 g of the title compound: m.p. 109-112°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃S: C, 66.89; H, 5.61; N, 15.60; S, 11.90. Found: C, 66.76; H, 5.72; N, 15.47; S, 11.98.

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Example 32

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-methylbenzenamine monohydrate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 10.0 g of the title product of Example 31 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with diethylether, filtration, and 10 concentration of the filtrate gave 4.33 g of the title compound: m.p. 117-120°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃OS*H₂O: C, 59.39; H, 5.65; N, 13.85; S, 10.57. Found: C, 59.10; H, 5.57; N, 13.92; S, 10.47.

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Example 33

2-[(5-Methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio)methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine

20 The title compound (1.95 g) was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2.81 g of 2-mercaptop-5-methoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 3.00 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-4-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS: C, 64.19; H, 5.72; N, 14.04; S, 10.71. Found: C, 63.71; H, 5.80; N, 13.86; S, 10.60.

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Example 34

2-[(5-Methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl)methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine

35 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.50 g of the title product of Example 33 instead of the title product of Example 2. Concentration to dryness and trituration with diethyl

ether gave 1.10 g of the title compound: m.p. 148-149°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃O₂S: C, 60.93; H, 5.43; N, 13.32; S, 10.17. Found: C, 60.67; H, 5.38; N, 13.20; S, 9.95.

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Example 35

2-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 3.75 g of 2-mercaptop-5-methoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 4.00 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-6-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Trituration with hexane gave 3.02 g of the title compound: m.p. 132-134°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS: C, 64.19; H, 5.72; N, 14.04; S, 10.71. Found: C, 64.21; H, 5.77; N, 14.00; S, 10.38.

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Example 36

2-[(5-Methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-6-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.00 g of the title product of Example 35 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with diethylether gave 1.58 g of the title compound: m.p. 142-144°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃O₂S: C, 60.93; H, 5.43; N, 13.32; S, 10.17. Found: C, 60.60; H, 5.42; N, 12.83; S, 9.86.

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Example 37

**2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
ethylbenzenamine**

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The title compound, m.p. 155-156°C, was prepared by the methods of Examples 1 and 3 using 2-(chloromethyl)-4-ethylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Analysis.

10 Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS: C, 64.19; H, 5.72; N, 14.04; S, 10.71. Found: C, 63.86; H, 5.67; N, 14.01; S, 10.68.

Example 38

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**2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-6-
ethylbenzenamine**

20 The title compound was prepared by the methods of Examples 1 and 3 using 2-(chloromethyl)-6-ethylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS: C, 64.19; H, 5.73; N, 14.04; S, 10.71. Found: C, 63.88; H, 5.55; N, 13.87, S, 10.57.

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Example 39

**2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine**

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A mixture of 10 g (66.2 mmole) of 4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylaniline and 10 g (67.6 mmole) of phthalic anhydride was heated at 170°C for 30 minutes, then allowed to cool overnight to room temperature.

35 Recrystallization from aqueous ethanol gave 16.4 g (58.4 mmole) of the phthalimide derivative. Paraformaldehyde (3 g, 100 mmole) was dissolved in 100

ml of concentrated sulfuric acid and the mixture was cooled to 0°C. Hydrogen chloride gas was introduced over a five-minute period, after which the phthalimide derivative was added in small batches. After 5 additional hydrogen chloride gas was introduced for five minutes, the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 45 minutes. The mixture was poured over ice, filtered, and washed with water, giving 5.34 g of the phthalimide derivative (m.p. 267-271°C) of 2-hydroxymethyl-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylaniline. Using the general method of Example 2 with this phthalimide derivative instead of 2-aminobenzyl alcohol and concentrated hydrochloric acid instead of sulfuric acid produced the phthalimide derivative of 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 3.4 g of the analytically pure compound, m.p. 240-244°C. [Analysis. Calc'd. for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₃S: C, 67.70; H, 4.77; N, 9.47; S, 7.23. Found: C, 67.57; H, 4.84; N, 9.53; S, 7.31.] Using the method of Example 3 with 3.0 g (6.8 mmole) of this phthalimide derivative instead of the title product of Example 2 produced the corresponding sulfoxide. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 2.81 g of the analytically 25 pure sulfoxide as the 1/4 hydrate: m.p. 198.5-201°C. [Analysis. Calc'd. for C₂₅H₂₁N₃O₄S*1/4 H₂O: C, 64.71; H, 4.67; N, 9.06; S, 6.91. Found: C, 64.82; H, 4.63; N, 9.07; S, 6.96.] The sulfoxide (1.0 g, 2.2 mmole) was dissolved in 50 ml of methanol by warming to 50-30 60°C and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Hydrazine hydrate (1 ml, ca. 20 mmole) was added and the mixture was stirred for about 5 hours. The resultant suspension was concentrated *in vacuo*, suspended in water, and treated with about 50 drops of 35 aqueous ammonium hydroxide. The precipitate was collected and washed with dilute ammonium hydroxide to give 0.47 g of the title compound: m.p. 150-155°C.

Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₂S: C, 61.98; H, 5.81; N, 12.76; S, 9.73. Found: C, 61.66; H, 5.85; N, 12.61; S, 9.34.

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Example 40

2-[[[5-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]benzenamine

10 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2.50 g of 2-mercaptop-5-methylbenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 2.71 g of 2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in 15 isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 5% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. Washing the solid residue from the dichloromethane extract with additional dichloromethane gave 1.65 g of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃S: C, 66.89; H, 5.61; N, 15.60; S, 11.90. Found: C, 65.78; H, 5.48; N, 15.54; S, 11.94.

Example 41

2-[[[5-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-methyl]benzenamine

25 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.46 g of the title product of 30 Example 40 instead of the title product of Example 2. Trituration with 2.5% aqueous potassium carbonate and with water gave 1.02 g of the title compound: m.p. 170-171°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₅N₃OS: C, 63.14; H, 5.30; N, 14.73; S, 11.23. Found: C, 62.76, H, 5.30; N, 14.86; S, 11.25.

Example 42

2-[[[5-Chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]-
methyl]benzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2.50 g of 2-mercaptop-5-chlorobenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 2.42 g of 2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. The basic extraction used 5% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. Washing the solid residue from the dichloromethane extract with additional dichloromethane gave 2.47 g of the title compound.

10 Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₂N₃ClS: C, 58.03; H, 4.17; N, 14.10; S, 11.06; Cl, 12.23. Found: C, 57.33; H, 4.06; N, 14.27; S, 10.99; Cl, 12.74.

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Example 43

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2-[[[5-Chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]benzenamine

The title compound (1.41 g), m.p. 165-166°C, 25 was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.00 g of the title product of Example 42 instead of the title product of Example 2. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₂N₃ClOS: C, 54.99; H, 3.96; N, 13.74; S, 10.48; Cl, 11.59. Found: C, 54.40; H, 3.86; N, 13.47; S, 30 10.83; Cl, 12.05.

Example 44

2-[[[5-Ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]-
methyl]benzenamine monohydrate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 3.00 g of 2-mercaptop-5-ethoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 2.76 g of 2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in 250 ml of isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 5% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. Crystallization during concentration of the dichloromethane extract gave 2.60 g of the title compound as the monohydrate: m.p. 87-89°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS*H₂O: C, 63.76; H, 5.68; N, 13.94; S, 10.64. Found: C, 63.65; H, 5.74; N, 13.89; S, 10.89.

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Example 45

2-[[[5-Ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]benzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.30 g of the title product of Example 44 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture was washed with 10% aqueous potassium carbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 1.95 g of the title compound: m.p. 154-155°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃O₂S: C, 60.93; H, 5.43; N, 13.32; S, 10.17. Found: C, 60.59; H, 5.36; N, 13.23; S, 10.27.

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Example 46

2-[[[(5-(Trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]thio)methyl]benzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 4.36 g of 2-mercaptop-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 3.56g of 2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 5% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. Washing the solid residue from the dichloromethane extract with additional dichloromethane gave 2.40 g of the title compound: m.p. ca. 155°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₃F₃S: C, 55.72; H, 3.74; N, 13.00; S, 9.92; F, 17.63. Found: C, 55.55; H, 3.68; N, 13.10; S, 10.12; F, 17.38.

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Example 47

2-[[[(5-(Trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl)methyl]benzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.00 g of the title product of Example 46 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture, which contained no precipitate, was concentrated *in vacuo*. Crystallization during the concentration gave 568 mg (in three crops) of the title compound: m.p. 152-152.5°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₃F₃OS: C, 53.09; H, 3.56; N, 12.38; S, 9.45; F, 16.80. Found: C, 53.23; H, 3.61; N, 12.48; S, 9.64; F, 16.89.

Example 48

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenamine

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To a cold (ca. 0°C) solution of 10.0 g (62 mmole) of 4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline and 6.6 g (65 mmole) of triethylamine in 100 ml of dichloromethane was added dropwise 7.9 g (65 mmole) of pivaloyl chloride. After stirring overnight, the mixture was poured into water. The aqueous layer was washed with additional dichloromethane and the organic layers were combined. The organic extracts were washed with three portions of water, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. The residue was recrystallized from hexane, giving 14.2 g of the N-acylated aniline derivative. A mixture of 17.2 g of the N-acylated aniline derivative and 24 ml of redistilled tetramethylethylenediamine was stirred in diethyl ether cooled to about -5°C in an ice-methanol bath. As the temperature was maintained at or below 5°C, 100 ml of 1.55 M butyllithium in hexane was added to form the aromatic carbanion. After being allowed to warm to room temperature, the mixture was stirred for about four hours. Formulation of the carbanion was effected by adding 15 ml of dimethylformamide dropwise at -5°C. The reaction mixture was partitioned between water and diethylether. The water layer was separated and washed with additional diethyl ether. The ether layers were combined, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to an oil. Column chromatography on silica gel gave 12.9 g of N-acylated 2-amino-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzaldehyde as a solid. The benzaldehyde derivative (6.3g) was converted to the corresponding benzyl alcohol derivative by reaction in 60 ml of ethanol with 1.05 g of sodium

borohydride, added as a solution in 10 ml of aqueous 0.6 N sodium hydroxide. The borohydride solution was acidified with dilute hydrochloric and concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. The residual solid was washed

5 thoroughly with water and air-dried, giving 6.2 g of the benzyl alcohol derivative. A solution of 3 g of the benzyl alcohol derivative in 30 ml of dioxane was heated at about 80°C for about four hours with 40 ml of concentration aqueous hydrochloric acid. Upon

10 cooling, the reaction mixture was concentrated to dryness under a stream of nitrogen. The residue was washed thoroughly with diethyl ether, giving 2-(chloromethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline hydrochloride. Using the general method of Example 1

15 with 1.56 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline produced the title compound. The reaction mixture, which contained no precipitate, was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness.

20 The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane and 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The dichloromethane extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to a gum. Recrystallization from dichloromethane gave 290

25 mg of the title compound: m.p. 130-137°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₃F₃S: C, 55.72; H, 3.74; N, 13.00; S, 9.92; F, 17.63. Found: C, 55.62; H, 3.59; N, 13.02; S, 10.25; F, 17.27.

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Example 49

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzenamine

35 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 530 mg of the title product of Example 48 instead of the title product of Example 2.

Washing the precipitate from the reaction mixture with chloroform gave 465 mg of the title compound: m.p. 185-187°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₂N₃F₃OS: C, 53.09; H, 3.56; N, 12.38; S, 9.45; F, 16.80. Found: 5 C, 52.39; H, 3.41; N, 12.17; S, 9.66; F, 16.52.

Example 50

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-
10 butylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.08 g of 4-butyl-2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The residue was partitioned between dichloromethane and 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The dichloromethane extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo to an oil. Trituration with hexane gave a solid that was recrystallized from diethyl ether-hexane to give the title compound: m.p. 108-109.5°C. The compound was used in subsequent reactions without further 20 purification.

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Example 51

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-
30 butylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 487 mg of the title product of Example 50 instead of the title product of Example 2. 35 The precipitate from the reaction mixture was collected, giving 351 mg of the title compound: m.p. 146-148°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₈H₂₁N₃OS: C,

66.03; H, 6.46; N, 12.83; S, 9.79. Found: C, 65.69; H, 6.50; N, 12.85; S, 9.79.

Example 52

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2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-5,6-dimethylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method
10 of Example 1 using 3.00 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-5,6-dimethylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 5% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The solid
15 residue from the dichloromethane extract gave, without further purification, 3.09 g of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃S: C, 67.81; H, 6.05; N, 14.83; S, 11.31. Found: C, 67.46; H, 6.36; N, 14.40; S, 10.90.

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Example 53

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2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-5,6-dimethylbenzenamine 1/4 hydrate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.97 g of the title product of Example 52 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. The residue was washed with diethyl ether and redissolved in 400 ml of 15% (by volume) of methanol in dichloromethane. The organic solution was washed with 5% aqueous potassium carbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*.
35 Crystallization during the concentration gave 1.36 g of the title compound: m.p. 160°C (decomp). Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS*1/4 H₂O: C, 63.24; H, 5.80; N,

13.85; S, 10.55. Found: C, 62.72; H, 5.65; N, 13.58; S, 10.50

Example 54

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2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-3,6-dimethylbenzenamine

10 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2.00 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-3,6-dimethylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate.

15 Crystallization during concentration of the dichloromethane extract gave 1.60 g of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃S: C, 67.81; H, 6.05; N, 14.83; S, 11.31. Found: C, 67.20; H, 6.03; N, 14.82; S, 11.29.

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Example 55

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3,6-dimethylbenzenamine monohydrate

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25 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using the title product of Example 54 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. 30 The residue was washed with diethyl ether and redissolved in 400 ml of 10% (by volume) of methanol in dichloromethane. The organic solution was washed with 10% aqueous potassium carbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. 35 The resultant residue was washed with diethyl ether to give 621 mg of the title compound: m.p. 144-145°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃OS*H₂O: C, 60.55; H,

6.03; N, 13.24; S, 10.10. Found: C, 60.40; H, 5.69; N, 13.05; S, 9.98.

Example 56

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2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-chloro-6-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method
10 of Example 1 using 4.3 g. of 2-(chloromethyl)-4-chloro-6-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The solid
15 residue from the dichloromethane extract was redissolved in diethyl ether and again concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness to give, without further purification, the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₄N₃ClS: C, 59.30; H, 4.65; N, 13.83; S, 20 11.67. Found: C, 58.98; H, 4.76; N, 13.47; S, 11.61.

Example 57

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-6-methylbenzenamine hemihydrate

The title compound was prepared by the method
of Example 3 using 3.12 g. of the title product of
Example 56 instead of the title product of Example 2.
30 The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 400 ml of 5% (by volume) of methanol in chloroform. The organic solution was washed with 10% aqueous potassium carbonate, which was then backwashed with
35 dichloromethane. The organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. Washing the residue with diethyl ether gave

674 mg of the title compound: m.p. 168-169°C.

Analysis. Calc'd. for $C_{15}H_{14}N_3ClOS \cdot 1/2H_2O$: C, 54.79; H, 4.29; N, 12.78; S, 9.75. Found: C, 54.59; H, 4.43; N, 12.64; S, 9.88.

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Example 58

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-chloro-6-methoxy-3-methylbenzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 2.50 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-4-chloro-6-methoxy-3-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The precipitate from the reaction mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane and 5% aqueous sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The dichloromethane extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to a solid.

15 Trituration with hexane gave 2.23 g of the title compound: m.p. 146-148°C (partial melting at ca. 100°C with solidification). Analysis. Calc'd. for $C_{16}H_{16}N_3ClOS$: C, 57.57; H, 4.83; N, 12.59; S, 9.60; Cl, 10.62. Found: C, 57.49; H, 4.83; N, 12.40; S, 9.55; Cl, 10.80.

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Example 59

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-chloro-6-methoxy-3-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 2.00 g of the title product of Example 58 instead of the title product of Example 2.

35 The reaction mixture, after clarification by filtration, was washed with 10% aqueous potassium carbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and

concentrated *in vacuo*. Washing the residue with diethyl ether gave 1.19 g of the title compound: m.p. 163-164°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₆N₃ClO₂S: C, 54.93; H, 4.61; N, 12.01; S, 9.16; Cl, 10.13. Found: 5 C, 54.68; H, 4.54; N, 11.56; S, 8.89; Cl, 10.29.

Example 60

10 2-[(5-Ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]-
methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 3.00 g of 2-mercaptop-5-ethoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole 15 and 3.71 g of 2-(chloromethyl)-4-methylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. Crystallization during concentration of 20 the dichloromethane extract gave 2.13 g of the title compound, which was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

Example 61

25 2-[(5-Ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-
methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method 30 of Example 3 using 1.90 g of the title product of Example 60 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture, which contained no precipitate, was concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. Trituration with diethyl ether gave 1.19 g of the title compound: 35 m.p. 144-145°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₂S: C, 61.98; H, 5.81; N, 12.76; S, 9.73. Found: C, 61.38; H, 5.80; N, 12.57; S, 9.85.

Example 62

2-[[[5-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-5,6-dimethylbenzenamine

5 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 207 mg of 2-mercaptop-5-methylbenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole
10 and 260 mg of 2-(chloromethyl)-5,6-dimethylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The dichloromethane extract was dried over
15 sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to 274 mg of the title compound as a gum. The compound was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

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Example 63

2-[[[5-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-methyl]-5,6-dimethylbenzenamine hemihydrate

25 The title compound (45 mg), m.p. 141-143°C, was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 254 mg of the title product of Example 62 instead of the title product of Example 2. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₃OS*H₂O: C, 63.33; H, 5.94; N, 13.03; S, 9.94.
30 Found: C, 63.74; H, 5.91; N, 12.54; S, 9.73.

Example 64

2-[[[(5-(Trifluoromethyl)1-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]thio)methyl]-3,6-dimethylbenzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 529 mg of 2-mercpto-5-(trifluoromethyl) benzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 500 mg of 2-(chloromethyl)-3,6-dimethylaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The dichloromethane extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to 590 mg of the title compound as a gum. The compound was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

Example 65

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2-[[[(5-(Trifluoromethyl)1-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]-3,6-dimethylbenzenamine

The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 578 mg of the title product of Example 64 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture, which contained no precipitate, was washed with 5% aqueous potassium carbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to a gum. Crystallization from acetonitrile gave 126 mg of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₆N₃FOS: C, 55.58; H, 4.39; N, 11.44; S, 8.73; F, 15.51. Found: C, 55.43; H, 4.32; N, 11.48; S, 8.92; F, 15.31.

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Example 66

2-[[[(5-(Trifluoromethyl)1-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]thio)methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.09 g of 2-mercaptop-5-(trifluoromethyl)benzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole and 1.04g of 2-(chloromethyl)-6-methoxyaniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. The dichloromethane extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to an oil. Trituration with 1:1 (by volume) diethyl ether-hexane gave 1.16 g of the title compound as a solid: m.p. ca. 130-148°C. The compound was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

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Example 67

2-[[[(5-(Trifluoromethyl)1-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]sulfinyl)methyl]-6-methoxybenzenamine

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The title product of Example 66 (945 mg, 2.68 mmole) was dissolved in about 1 liter of warmed chloroform, filtered, and cooled to about -5°C. A solution of 600 mg (ca. 2.95 mmole) of ca. 85% *M*-chloroperbenzoic acid in 20 ml of chloroform was added and the mixture stirred for about one hour. Fine granular potassium carbonate (5 g) was added and the mixture was stirred for 20 hours, after which the insolubles were removed by filtration. The filtrate was passed through a pad of granular potassium carbonate and concentrated *in vacuo* to a gum. The gum was triturated with diethyl ether. The ether

supernatant was removed by decanting and allowed to stand, giving 219 mg of a solid. The remaining gum was again triturated with diethyl ether, giving 227 mg additional solid. The solids were combined and 5 dissolved in chloroform containing a small amount of methanol. The solution was washed with 5% aqueous potassium carbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to dryness. Chromatography on silica gel gave, after washing the 10 residue with hexane, 60 mg of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₄N₃F₃O₂S: C, 52.03; H, 3.82; N, 11.38; S, 8.68; F, 15.43. Found: C, 52.01; H, 3.85; N, 11.24; S, 8.62; F, 15.05.

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Example 68**Methyl 2-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]benzoate**

20 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.27 g of methyl 2-amino-3-(chloromethyl)benzoate hydrochloride (prepared from methyl 2-amino-3-(methylsulfinylmethyl)benzoate as reported by J.P. Chupp et al., *J. Org. Chem.*, **49**, 4711 25 instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. Recrystallization of the title compound from diethyl ether gave 1.72 g of the title compound in three crops. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₂S: C, 61.32; H, 4.82; N, 13.41; S, 10.23. 30 Found: C, 60.73; H, 4.86; N, 12.87; S, 9.67.

Example 69

Methyl 2-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]benzoate hydrate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.55 g of the title product of Example 68 instead of the title product of Example 2. The precipitate from the reaction mixture was 10 collected and redissolved in 10% (by volume) of methanol in diethyl ether. The organic solution was washed with 5% aqueous potassium carbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated in vacuo. The resultant residue was washed with diethyl ether to 15 give 496 mg of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₅N₃O₃S*H₂O: C, 55.32; H, 4.35; N, 12.10; S, 9.23. Found: C, 55.01; H, 4.78; N, 11.86; S, 9.04.

Example 70

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Ethyl 4-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]benzoate

Ethyl 4-amino-3-(chloromethyl)benzoate 25 hydrochloride was prepared from 20.0 g of ethyl 4-aminobenzoate using the method reported by J.P. Chupp et al., *J. Org. Chem.*, **49**, 4711 (1984). The title compound was then prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.75 g of ethyl 4-amino-3-(chloromethyl)benzoate 30 hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate. Washing to solid residue from the dichloromethane extract with diethyl ether gave 865 mg 35 of the title compound: m.p. 174-176°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₂S: C, 62.37; H, 5.23; N, 12.83; S, 9.79. Found: C, 61.52; H, 5.31; N, 12.54; S, 9.72.

Example 71

5 Ethyl 4-amino-3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]benzoate hemihydrate

The title compound (528 mg), m.p. 192-194°C, was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 781 mg of the title product of Example 70 instead of the 10 title product of Example 2. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₇N₃O₃S*1/2H₂O: C, 57.93; H, 4.86; N, 11.92; S, 9.10. Found: C, 57.75; H, 4.73; N, 11.96; S, 9.36.

15 Example 72

Ethyl 4-amino-3-[[[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio)methyl]benzoate

The title compound was prepared by the method 20 of Example 1 using 1.30 g of 2-mercaptop-5-methoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 1.80 g of ethyl 4-amino-3-(chloromethyl)benzoate hydrochloride (prepared as for Example 70) instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The basic extraction used 10% sodium hydroxide instead of sodium carbonate and 1,2-dichloroethane instead of dichloromethane. The 1,2-dichloroethane extract was dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated 25 in vacuo to a gum. Recrystallization from diethyl ether-hexane gave 650 mg of the title compound: m.p. 140-146°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₃S: C, 60.49; H, 5.36; N, 11.76; S, 8.90. Found: C, 60.27; H, 5.44; N, 11.39; S, 8.70.

Example 73

Ethyl 4-amino-3-[(5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]benzoate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 557 mg of the title product of Example 72 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture was passed three times through a column of potassium carbonate powder and concentrated in *vacuo* to dryness. Crystallization for acetonitrile gave 257 mg of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₈H₁₉N₃O₄S: C, 57.90; H, 5.13; N, 11.25; S, 8.59. Found: C, 57.63; H, 5.15; N, 11.32; S, 8.65.

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Example 74

2-[(5,6-Dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]benzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 1 using 1.5 g of 2-mercaptop-5,6-dimethoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 1.3 g of 2-(chloromethyl)aniline hydrochloride instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol. The precipitate from the reaction mixture was triturated with aqueous potassium carbonate, collected by filtration, and dried to give 1.9 g of the title compound, which was used in subsequent reactions without further purification.

Example 75

2-[[5,6-Dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-4-methylbenzenamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 3 using 1.9 g of the title product of Example 74 instead of the title product of Example 2. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo to dryness. The residue was triturated sequentially with diethyl ether, aqueous sodium carbonate, and diethyl ether. Column chromatography on silica gel gave 50 mg of the title compound. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₆H₁₇N₃O₃S: C, 57.99; H, 5.17; N, 12.68; S, 9.67. Found: C, 57.44; H, 5.19; N, 12.50; S, 9.80.

Example 76

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-fluorobenzenamine

20 A solution of 9.0 g (58 mmole) of 3-fluoro-6-nitrotoluene in 200 ml of ethyl acetate was hydrogenated at room temperature with 60 psi of hydrogen gas using 0.9 g of 5% palladium on charcoal as catalyst. The solution was filtered and concentrated to give 6.7 g of 4-fluoro-2-methylaniline as an oil. A mixture of 1.33 g of the oil and 1.57 of phthalic anhydride was heated at 160°C for 30 minutes and cooled. The resultant solid was washed with methanol and air dried to give 1.96 of the phthalimide derivative of 4-fluoro-2-methylaniline, m.p. 189.5-190.5°C. [Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₀NFO₂: C, 70.58; H, 3.95; N, 5.49; S, 7.44. Found: C, 70.68; H, 3.95; N, 5.42; F, 7.39.] Bromination of the methyl group was effected by heating at reflux under an incandescent light source a mixture of 567 mg (2.22

mmole) of the phthalimide derivative, 435 mg of N-bromosuccinimide, and 59 mg of benzoyl peroxide in 25 ml of carbon tetrachloride. After one hour the mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered, and 5 concentrated *in vacuo* to give 720 mg of the crude bromomethyl phthalimide derivative. Using the general method of Example 1 with 284 mg of this bromomethyl phthalimide derivative instead of 2-(chloromethyl)-N,N-dimethylaniline in isopropyl alcohol produced the 10 phthalimide derivative of 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-fluorobenzenamine. The residue from the dichloromethane extraction (as in Example 1) was washed with diethyl ether and purified by column chromatography, giving 190 mg of the phthalimide 15 derivative as a white solid. Using the method of Example 3 with 104 mg (0.248 mmole) of this phthalimide derivative of 2-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-4-fluorobenzenamine instead of the title product of Example 2 produced the corresponding 20 sulfoxide. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane, washed with aqueous sodium bicarbonate, dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to give 119 mg of the sulfoxide as an oil. The sulfoxide was stirred in a solution of 25 0.14 ml of hydrazine hydrate in 5 ml of ethanol for two hours to remove the phthalimide group. The mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to a solid, which was washed sequentially with 3% aqueous ammonium hydroxide and water, and air-dried to give 50 mg of the title 30 compound: m.p. 184-185°C. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₂N₃F₀S: C, 58.12; H, 4.18; N, 14.52; F, 6.57. Found: C, 58.11; H, 4.21; N, 14.54; F, 6.34.

Example 77

2-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-3,4,5-trimethylbenzenamine hemihydrate

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The title compound, m.p. 145°C (softening) with decomp. at 235°C, was prepared by the method of Example 39 using 3,4,5-trimethylaniline instead of 4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylaniline and using sulfuric acid instead of hydrochloric acid during the reaction according to Example 2. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₇H₁₉N₃O₃S·H₂O: C, 63.33; H, 6.25; N, 13.03; F, 9.95. Found: C, 63.53; H, 5.92; N, 13.16; F, 9.60.

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Example 78

2-[(5-Methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-4-methoxy-3,5-dimethylbenzenamine

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The title compound, m.p. 149-155°C, was prepared by the method of Example 39 using 2-mercaptop-5-methoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₈H₂₁N₃O₃S: C, 60.15; H, 5.89; N, 11.69; F, 8.92. Found: C, 59.71; H, 5.83; N, 11.56; F, 8.64.

Example 79

3-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine hemihydrate

A mixture of 9.6 g (63 mmole) of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole and 7.7 g (62 mmole) of 3-hydroxymethyl-2-pyridinamine was dissolved in 60 ml of 48% aqueous hydrobromic acid and 60 ml of acetic acid and heated to reflux. After being cooled to room

temperature, the mixture was poured into water and made alkaline with potassium carbonate. The oil that separated solidified upon addition of diethyl ether to the aqueous mixture. The solid was collected by 5 filtration, washed with portions of diethyl ether and water, and air dried to yield 12.4 g of the title compound as an analytically pure hemihydrate. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. 10 Calc'd. for $C_{13}H_{12}N_4S \cdot 1/2H_2O$: C, 58.84; H, 4.93; N, 21.11; S, 12.08. Found: C, 59.06; H, 4.48; N, 20.82; S, 12.16.

Example 80

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3-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfonyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine

A suspension of 4.0 g (15 mmole) of 3-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine hemihydrate (see Example 79) in 50 ml of dichloromethane was cooled in an ice bath. A solution of 3.0 g (15 mmole) of ca. 85% *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid in the minimum amount of dichloromethane needed to 20 form a solution was then added dropwise with stirring. After addition was complete, another 3.0 g of ca. 85% *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid was added. The reaction was quenched with 10 drops of dimethylsulfide. The mixture was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate. 25 The organic phase was concentrated *in vacuo* and chromatographed on silica gel (using ethanol-dichloromethane-triethylamine as eluent). Initial fractions yielded 249 mg of the title sulfone. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and 30 infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for $C_{12}H_{12}N_4SO_2$: C, 54.15; H, 4.19; N, 19.43. Found: C, 53.79; H, 4.09; N, 19.29.

Example 81

5 3-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-
 pyridinamine hydrate

Later fractions from the chromatographic separation of Example 80 yielded 653 mg of the title sulfoxide. Structure assignment was supported by the 10 nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₃H₁₂N₄SO*H₂O: C, 53.77; H, 4.16; N, 12.29; S, 11.04. Found: C, 53.59; H, 4.34; N, 18.93; S, 11.26.

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Example 82

20 3-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-N,N-
 dimethyl-2-pyridinamine

20 To a cold (ca. -78°C) solution of 2.9 g (21 mmole) of 3-methyl-2-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine in 35 ml of tetrahydrofuran was added dropwise 15 ml (23 mmole) of 1.55 M butyllithium in hexane. The mixture was stirred at 0°C for four hours and then recooled to 25 ca. -78°C. Trimethyl borate (2.65 ml, ca. 23 mmole) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at 0°C. After one hour 2.9 ml of 30% hydrogen peroxide was added and the mixture was stirred at 25°C. After another hour, the reaction mixture was poured into 30 water and extracted with several portions of diethyl ether. The combined ether extracts were dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo* to an oil. Chromatography on silica gel (using ethanol-toluene as eluent) yielded 600 mg of 3- 35 hydroxymethyl-2-(N,N-dimethylamino)pyridine, as confirmed by the nmr and infrared spectra. Using the method of Example 79 with 3-hydroxymethyl-2-(N,N-

Example 88

6-[[[5-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]-
methyl]-2-pyridinamine hemihydrate

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A mixture of 12.2 g (0.1 mole) of 3,4-diaminotoluene, 35 ml of carbon disulfide, and 4.0 g (0.1 mole) of sodium hydroxide was heated at reflux in 350 ml of ethanol. After 2.5 hours the mixture was 10 concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was suspended in 200 ml of 4% aqueous hydrochloric acid, and the product was collected by filtration, washed sequentially with water and diethyl ether, and air dried to yield 12.2 g of 2-mercaptop-5-methylbenzimidazole, as confirmed by the nmr and 15 infrared spectra. The title compound (2.0 g) was prepared by the method of Example 84 using 1.6 g (9.7 mmole) of 2-mercaptop-5-methylbenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole. Structure assignment was 20 supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₄N₄S: C, 60.19; H, 5.01; N, 20.05; S, 11.47. Found: C, 59.80; H, 5.05; N, 20.00; S, 11.17.

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Example 89

6-[[[5-Methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine

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The title compound (240 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 1.0 g (3.7 mmole) of 6-[[[5-methyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine (see Example 88) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine.

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Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₄N₄SO: C, 58.72; H, 4.93; N, 19.57;

S, 11.20. Found: C, 58.62; H, 4.91; N, 19.60; S, 10.99.

Example 90

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6-[[[5-Methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine

10 The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 84 using 7.0 g of 2-mercaptop-5-methoxybenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr spectrum.

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Example 91

6-[[[5-Methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine

20 The title compound (940 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 4.67 g (16.3 mmole) of 6-[[[5-methoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine (see Example 90) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine.

25 Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₄N₄S₂: C, 55.62; H, 4.67; N, 18.53; S, 10.60. Found: C, 55.52; H, 4.59; N, 17.86; S, 10.35.

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Example 92

6-[[[5-Chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine

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A solution of 20 g (0.12 mole) of 3-chloro-6-nitroaniline in 350 ml of methanol was hydrogenated

over 5% palladium on carbon to yield 24.9 g of the corresponding diamino compound. Reaction of the diamino compound with potassium ethylxanthate using the method described in Example 86 yielded 19 g of 5-chloro-2- mercaptobenzimidazole, as confirmed by elemental analysis. The title compound (1.8 g) was prepared by the method of Example 84 using 3.6 g (19 mmole) of 5-chloro-2-mercaptobenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra.

Example 93

15 **6-[[[5-Chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine**

The title compound (250 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 1.5 g (5.2 mmole) of 6-[[[5-chloro-1H-benzimidazol-2- yl)thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine (see Example 92) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)-methyl]-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr spectrum and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₃H₁₁N₄ClSO: C, 50.90; H, 3.61; N, 18.26; S, 10.45; Cl, 11.56. Found: C, 50.97; H, 3.60; N, 18.45; S, 10.47; Cl, 11.74.

Example 94

30 **6-[[[5-(Trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine**

A solution of 50 g (0.24 mole) of 4-(trifluoromethyl)-2-nitroaniline in 500 ml of ethanol was hydrogenated over 10% palladium on carbon to yield 21.0 g of the corresponding diamino compound. Reaction of 20.0 g of the diamino compound with carbon

disulfide using the method described in Example 88 yielded 22.9 g of 5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-mercaptobenzimidazole, as confirmed by elemental analysis. The title compound (1.5 g) was prepared by 5 the method of Example 84 using 5.7 g (26 mmole) of 5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-mercaptobenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptobenzimidazole. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra.

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Example 95

6-[[[5-(Trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine

15 The title compound (900 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 1.5 g (4.6 mmole) of 6-[[[5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine (see Example 94) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by 20 the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₄H₁₁N₄F₃SO: C, 49.41; H, 3.26; N, 16.46; S, 9.42. Found: C, 49.42; H, 3.29; N, 16.30; S, 9.49.

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Example 96

6-[[[5-Ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl]thio]-methyl]-2-pyridinamine

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A solution of 51.3 g (0.28 mole) of 4-ethoxy-2-nitroaniline in methanol was hydrogenated over 5% palladium on carbon to yield 63.4 g of the corresponding diamino compound. Reaction of the 35 diamino compound with potassium ethylxanthate using the method described in Example 86 yielded 43.4 g of 5-ethoxy-2-mercaptobenzimidazole, as confirmed by the

nmr and infrared spectra. The title compound (1.0 g) was prepared by the method of Example 84 using 3.7 g of 5-ethoxy-2-mercaptopbenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole. The title compound was used in 5 subsequent reactions without further characterization.

Example 97

10 6-[[[5-Ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
 sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine

The title compound (700 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 900 mg (3.0 mmole) of 6-[[[5-ethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine (see Example 96) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₄SO₂: C, 56.95; H, 5.10; N, 17.71; S, 10.14. Found: C, 56.67; H, 4.99; N, 17.48; S, 10.27.

Example 98

25 6-[[[5,6-Dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-
 thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine 3/4 hydrate

A solution of 62.2 g (0.31 mole) of 3,4-dimethoxy-6-nitroaniline in tetrahydrofuran was 30 hydrogenated with Raney nickel to yield 52.7 g of the corresponding diamino compound. Reaction of the diamino compound with potassium ethylxanthate using the method described in Example 86 yielded 59 g of 5,6-dimethoxy-2-mercaptopbenzimidazole as confirmed by 35 the nmr and infrared spectra. The title compound (1.9 g) was prepared by the method of Example 84 using 4.3 g of 5,6-dimethoxy-2-mercaptopbenzimidazole instead of

2-mercaptopbenzimidazole. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₄SO₂*3/4 H₂O: C, 54.61; H, 5.30; N, 16.98; S, 9.70. Found: C, 54.75; H, 5.13; N, 17.08; S, 9.72.

Example 99

10 6-[[[5,6-Dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-sulfinyl]methyl]-2-pyridinamine 1/4 hydrate

The title compound (600 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 1.6 g (5.0 mmole) of 6-[(5,6-dimethoxy-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)thio]methyl]-2-pyridinamine (see Example 98) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)-methyl]-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr spectrum and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₄SO₃*1/4 H₂O: C, 53.48; H, 4.90; N, 16.63; S, 9.52. Found: C, 53.54; H, 4.57; N, 16.45; S, 9.79.

Example 100

6-[(5,6-Dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-2-yl)-thiomethyl]-2-pyridinamine

Reaction of 30 g (0.22 mole) of 4,5-dimethyl-1,2-phenylenediamine with potassium ethylxanthate using the method described in Example 86 yielded 19 g of 5,6-dimethyl-2-mercaptopbenzimidazole, as confirmed by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. The title compound (3.0 g) was prepared by the method of Example 84 using 3.5 g of 5,6-dimethyl-2-mercaptopbenzimidazole instead of 2-mercaptopbenzimidazole. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr spectrum.

nmr and infrared spectra. The title compound (1.9 g) was prepared by the method of Example 79 using 1.3 g (6.7 mmole) of 6-hydroxymethyl-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-pyridinamine instead of 3-hydroxymethyl-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr spectrum.

Example 107

10 6-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-pyridinamine 1/4 hydrate

15 The title compound (100 mg) was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 1.52 g (4.65 mmole) of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-N-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-pyridinamine (see Example 106) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₈H₂₂N₄SO*1/4 H₂O: C, 62.31; H, 6.48; N, 16.15; S, 9.24. Found: C, 62.19; H, 6.47; N, 15.76; S, 9.09.

Example 108

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6-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-N-ethyl-2-pyridinamine

30 The title compound (2.1 g) was prepared by the method of Example 106 using 45 g (0.30 mole) of 2-acetamido-6-methylpyridine (prepared from 2-amino-6-methylpyridine as described in Example 84 using acetyl chloride instead of trimethylacetyl chloride) instead of 2-(trimethylacetamido)-6-methylpyridine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra.

Example 109

6-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-N-
ethyl-2-pyridinamine

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 2.0 g (7.03 mmole) of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-N-ethyl-2-pyridinamine (see Example 108) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₅H₁₆N₄SO: C, 59.98; H, 5.37; N, 18.65; S, 10.67. Found: C, 60.07; H, 5.37; N, 18.45; S, 10.61.

Example 110

5-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-
pyridinamine 1/4 hydrate

The title compound was prepared by the general method described in Example 84 using 2-amino-5-methylpyridine instead of 2-amino-6-methylpyridine. The crystalline solid was collected and washed with portions of water and diethyl ether to yield 1.8 g of the title compound. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₃H₁₂N₄S*1/4 H₂O: C, 59.86; H, 4.83; N, 21.48; S, 12.29. Found: C, 59.91; H, 4.67; N, 21.86; S, 12.45.

Example 111

5-[(1H-Benzimidazol-2-ylsulfinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinamine 1/4 hydrate

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The title compound was prepared by the method of Example 85 using 1.0 g (3.9 mmole) of 5-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine (see Example 110) instead of 6-[(1H-benzimidazol-2-ylthio)methyl]-2-pyridinamine. Structure assignment was supported by the nmr and infrared spectra and by elemental analysis. Analysis. Calc'd. for C₁₃H₁₂N₄S₀*1/4 H₂O: C, 56.40; H, 4.55; N, 20.24; S, 11.58. Found: C, 56.35; H, 4.46; N, 20.25; S, 11.66.

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BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION

20 The compounds of this invention exhibited gastric antisecretory activity in canines, as indicated by inhibition in vitro of (H⁺/K⁺)-ATPase obtained from canine gastric mucosa and by inhibition *in vivo* of gastric acid secretion in dogs. The 25 antisecretory activity of the compounds of this invention illustrated in the Examples was determined by the following methods.

30 Inhibition of (H⁺/K⁺)-ATPase from Canine Gastric Mucosa

Mongrel dogs weighing 15 to 25 kilograms were fasted for twenty-four hours, with water provided ad libitum. The animals were anesthetized with 35 pentobarbital and the stomachs were removed. Subsequent tissue manipulations and subcellular fractionations were performed at 0°C to 4°C. After

the stomachs were cut open and rinsed with tap water, the antral and cardiac regions were removed and the remaining tissue was rinsed three times in saline. The glandular mucosa was removed mechanically, chopped 5 finely in a medium containing 10 mM Tris hydrochloride (pH 7.4) and 250 mM sucrose, and homogenized. The homogenate was centrifuged at 20,000xg for twenty minutes and the pellet discarded. The supernatant was then centrifuged at 150,000xg for ninety minutes and 10 the supernatant discarded. The pellet was resuspended in the Tris-HCl/sucrose medium by homogenization. Part (2 ml) of the resultant microsomal suspension was layered onto a step gradient consisting of 9 ml of 15% sucrose above 12 ml of 30% sucrose, each sucrose 15 solution being buffered with 10 mM Tris hydrochloride (pH 7.4) containing 0.01% sodium azide. The microsomes retained at the 15%-30% sucrose interface, after centrifugation at 250,000xg for sixty minutes, were used as the source of (H^+/K^+) -ATPase. Microsomal 20 preparations were lyophilized, a process that assured potassium ion permeability, and stored at -10°C until used.

(H^+/K^+) -ATPase activity for each test 25 compound was determined, in duplicate, by measuring the release of inorganic phosphate, which was assayed according to the method of J. ChandraRajan and L. Klein, Anal. Biochem., 72, 407 (1976). The (H^+/K^+) -ATPase assay medium consisted of 20 mM Mes- 30 Tris (pH 6.0), 5 mM magnesium chloride, 25 mM sucrose, and 4 mM Tris-ATP with or without 20 mM potassium chloride in a total volume of 2 ml. Microsomal suspensions (20 to 60 mcl, containing about 25 mcg protein) were added to the assay medium, without Tris- 35 ATP, and then preincubated with a test compound for thirty minutes at 37°C. The assay was initiated by adding Tris-ATP and the mixture was incubated another

thirty minutes at 37°C. A 200-mcl aliquot of the assay mixture was then added to 1.4 ml of a solution consisting of 0.1 M sodium acetate (pH 4.0) and 10% sodium dodecylsulfate, followed by the addition of 200 5 mcl each of 1% ammonium molybdate and 1% ascorbic acid. At least fifteen minutes later, the optical absorbance at 870 nm (which was proportional to inorganic phosphate concentration up to 100 nmoles per tube, as determined by a standard curve) was obtained. 10 Enzyme activity was linear with incubation time.

(H⁺/K⁺)-ATPase activity is represented by the difference between the measured activities in the presence of potassium ion (K⁺-stimulated) and in the 15 absence of potassium ion (basal). The concentration of a test compound required to inhibit 50% of the (H⁺/K⁺)-ATPase activity (i.e., the IC₅₀) was determined at least in duplicate using linear regression analysis of results obtained for three 20 different compound concentrations ranging from 0.1 μ M to 0.2 mM. If the IC₅₀ for a test compound could not be determined for the concentration range tested, percent inhibition of (H⁺/K⁺)-ATPase was obtained for the compound at 0.1 mM.

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Inhibition of Gastric Acid Secretion in Gastric Fistula Beagle Dogs

30 Adult female beagle dogs weighing 6 to 11 kilograms obtained from Laboratory Research Enterprises (Kalamazoo, Mich.) or from Hazelton Research Animals (Cumberland, Va.) were surgically implanted with a simple Thomas-type gastric cannula. After recovery from surgery, the dogs were trained to 35 stand quietly, fully conscious, in Pavlov-type dog restraining slings and were acclimated to intravenous infusion of histamine dihydrochloride. During the

course of these studies, no dog was used more than once a week. All dogs were deprived of food, but not water, for 18 hours prior to each assay. Each dog was initially infused with 0.15 M sodium chloride solution 5 at a constant rate of 6.5 mg/hr. The volume of gastric secretions, collected in plastic bottles affixed to the cannula, were measured to the nearest 0.1 ml at 30 minute intervals. One of the following protocols was followed, depending on the route chosen 10 for administration of test compound.

Intravenous dosing : Following a 30-minute basal secretion period, test compounds were administered intravenously (i.v.). At the end of an 15 additional 30 minute period, the saline infusion was replaced with histamine dihydrochloride in saline administered at a rate 15 mcg per kilogram of body weight per hour. Histamine stimulation was maintained for a maximum of four hours during which time gastric 20 secretions were collected every 30 minutes. The pH and titratable acidity were determined for samples from each collection period.

Intragastric dosing : Following a 30-minute 25 basal secretion period, the collection bottles were removed, dosing plugs were inserted, and test compounds were administered intragastrically (i.g.). At the end of a 30-minute drug absorption period, the stomachs were emptied, the collection bottles were 30 reattached, and collections were resumed at 30-minute intervals. Simultaneously, the saline infusion was replaced with a continuous intravenous infusion of histamine dihydrochloride in saline administered for four hours at a rate 15 mcg per kilogram of body 35 weight per hour.

Intraduodenal dosing : Dogs were also equipped with duodenal cannulas for intraduodenal (i.d.) administration of test compounds. Dosing was otherwise performed as described for intragastric 5 dosing.

Data from each protocol were analyzed for three gastric sample variables: volume of gastric juice, acid concentration, and total acid output. 10 Percent inhibition for each four-hour experimental period was determined for each parameter by comparison with 3 to 4 controls in which only food was given. Estimates of ED50's were determined from dose response curves.

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Inhibition of Gastric Acid Secretion in Meal-Stimulated Pavlov Pouch Dog

Adult female beagle dogs weighing 6 to 10 20 kilograms were obtained from Laboratory Research Enterprises (Kalamazoo, Mich.) or from Hazelton Research Animals (Cumberland, Va.). Surgical implantation of a Thomas-type gastric cannula into an innervated Pavlov pouch of each dog was performed by 25 the method reported by L. Burrows et al., *J. Surgical Res.*, 4, 147 (1964). After recovery from surgery, the dogs were trained to stand quietly, fully conscious, in Pavlov-type dog restraining slings. All dogs were deprived of food, but not water, for 24 hours prior to 30 each assay. Basal acid secretion was measured by collecting from the cannulas for 30 minutes before dosing with a test compound. Solutions of the test compounds in iso-osmotic phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) were given either intravenously or directly into the 35 Pavlov pouch. After 30 minutes the pouch was drained. The dogs were then fed 320 grams of dog food and gastric acid secretions were collected each half hour

for four hours. Controls were determined in the same way except that only food (i.e., no test compound) was administered.

5 Data were analyzed for three different variables: volume of gastric juice, acid concentration, and total acid output. Percent inhibition for the four-hour experimental period was determined for each parameter by comparison with 3 to 10 4 controls. Estimates of ED₅₀ were determined from dose response curves. Results are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1
Pharmacological Test Results.

	Compound [Product of Example No.]	(H ⁺ /K ⁺) - ATPase IC50 (mCM)	Gastric-Fistula Beagle % Inhibition (3 mg/kg dose)	Pavlov-Pouch Dog % Inhibition (dose (mg/kg))
20	3	4.3	59 i.v. 53 i.d.	87 (10 mg/kg) 20 (1 mg/kg)
	4	0.7	14 i.v.	8 (3 mg/kg)
	6	>100	37 i.v.	
25	8	7.4	60 i.v.	
	10	13.5	44 i.v.	
	12	11.0	90 i.d.	54 (10 mg/kg) 19 (3 mg/kg)
	16	130.0	24 i.v.	
30	18	24.0	13 i.v.	
	20	1.6	37 i.v.	22 (3 mg/kg)
	22	9.3	70 i.v.	
	24	0.66	73 i.v.	
	26	2.1	67 i.v.	
35	28	3.2	93 i.v. 44 i.d.	43 (3 mg/kg)

TABLE 1 (cont.)

Pharmacological Test Results.

	Compound [Product of Example No.]	(H ⁺ /K ⁺)- ATPase IC50 (mCM)	Gastric-Fistula Beagle % Inhibition (3 mg/kg dose)	Pavlov-Pouch Dog % Inhibition (dose (mg/kg))
5	30	0.85		
10	32	0.64	21 i.d.	
	34	4.2	91 i.v. 66 i.d. 43 i.g.	79 (3 mg/kg)
	36	5.4	96 i.v.	
15			72 i.d.	
	37	2.0	62 i.d.	
	38	3.9	21 i.d.	
	39	0.2	53 i.d.	
	41	7.9		
20	43	12.0		
	45	24.0		
	47	4.4	37 i.d.	
	49	>100	16 i.d.	
	51	2.6	19 i.d.	
25	53	0.6	79 i.d.	
	55	0.82		
	57	60.0		
	59	2.7		
	61	5.3		
30	63	0.71		
	65	1.5		
	67	8.5		
	69	153.0	28 i.d.	
	71	>100	7 i.d.	
35	73	>100		
	75	120.0		

TABLE 1 (cont.)

Pharmacological Test Results.

	Compound 5 [Product of Example No. 1]	(H ⁺ /K ⁺) - ATPase IC50 (mCM)	Gastric-Fistula Beagle % Inhibition (3 mg/kg dose)	Pavlov-Pouch Dog % Inhibition (dose (mg/kg))
10	76	24.9		
	77	16.0		
	78	2.1	31 i.d.	
	81	100	41 i.v.	
	83	8.6	15 i.v.	
	85	2.5	59 i.v.	
15	87	2.2		
	89	1.68		
	91	4.5	46 i.v.	
	93	6.9		
	95	6.95		
20	97	3.1		
	99	23.7		
	101	0.72		
	103	1.8		
	105	9.5		
25	107	9.1		
	109	20.0	58 i.d.	
	111	34.8		
	omeprazole	1.9		

**Enzymatic Assay for HCMV Protease (Assemblin)
Inhibitors**

The compounds of this invention exhibited
5 antiviral activity as indicated by inhibition *in vitro*
of herpesvirus protease and by inhibition *in vivo* of
HCMV infectivity. The antiviral activity of the
compounds of this invention illustrated in the
Examples was determined by the following methods.

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The enzymatic assay for assemblin inhibitors
compared the rate of product appearance between a
control reaction containing no inhibitor and one that
contained a known concentration of a potential
15 inhibitor. There were two phases to the enzyme
reaction. The first was a period of incubation of
enzyme in the presence of inhibitor, but in the
absence of the substrate. This incubation allowed for
the inhibitor to bind and potentially block the enzyme
20 from hydrolyzing the substrate. The second phase was
started by adding the substrate and measuring the rate
of product production.

Assay Components:

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Recombinant HCMV protease:

HCMV protease was purified from *E. coli*
expressing a DNA construction encoding the protease
30 domain of the UL80 open reading frame of human
cytomegalovirus strain AD169. The construction also
encoded six additional histidine residues at the amino
terminus of the protease. These additional histidine
residues provided an affinity ligand by which it was
35 purified using nickel-nitriloacetic acid-agarose
(Qiagen).

The purified protease was stored as a 1-3 mg/ml stock solution in 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.4; 300 mM sodium chloride; 100 mM imidazole; 50% (v/v) glycerol. This stock was diluted with assay 5 buffer to 4.8 μ g/ml. A 100 μ L aliquot of this solution was used in the enzyme reaction.

A specific substrate was synthesized based 10 on the cleavage specificity of HCMV protease at the "maturation site" of the assembly protein (F. Liu and B. Roizman, *J. Virol.*, 65, 5149 (1991), and A.R. Welch, et al, *J. Virol.*, 65, 4091 (1991)). The assembly protein maturation site has the sequence 15 ...AGVVNA*SCRLATA...; the substrate used was dabcyl-Abu-GVVNASARLA-edans (**DE2**). Upon excitation at 360 nm the edans chromophore emitted light (fluoresces) at 490 nm that was absorbed by the dabcyl chromophore (Emax = 460 nm) . However, when the two chromophores 20 are separated because of hydrolysis of the peptide moiety by HCMV protease the edans fluorescence was no longer quenched and an increase in fluorescence was realized. **DE2** was stored as a stock solution at 160 μ g/ml in dimethyl sulfoxide. This was diluted 10-fold with assay buffer to give a concentration of 16 μ g/ml 25 just before use. An aliquot of 50 μ L was used in the reaction.

An assay Buffer (10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.4; 150 mM sodium acetate; 0.1% CHAPS; and 30 20% (v/v) glycerol) was used to dilute stock solutions of enzyme and substrate.

Inhibitors were dissolved in dimethyl sulfoxide at 16-times the final assay concentration. A 35 10 μ L aliquot of this inhibitor solution was used in the reaction.

A 100 μ L aliquot of enzyme solution (4.8 μ g/ml) was mixed with 10 μ L of inhibitor solution in a 96-well plate cell and incubated at 22°C for 30 minutes. Control reactions contained 10 μ L of 5 dimethylsulfoxide instead of inhibitor solution. After the preincubation was completed, 50 μ L of substrate solution was added and the fluorescence recorded every 5 minutes for a period of 30 minutes. All reactions were run in triplicate with the 10 exception of the uninhibited control reaction which was replicated 6-fold. The change in fluorescence was recorded over time and an average rate for each set of 3 reactions was calculated. Fluorescence assays were subject to spurious various due to factors such as 15 dust in the 96-well plate; such results were omitted from the calculation of relative rates.

ANTIVIRAL ASSAYS

20 These complimentary assays tested the ability of a compound to inhibit the production of new virus and the toxicity of the compound to the host cells. It was important that both assays be performed simultaneously in order to compare the results 25 directly since, toxicity may indirectly reduce viral yield.

Abbreviations:

30 DMEM - Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium; commercially available.

FBS - fetal bovine serum; commercially available and contains unknown factors necessary for growth of cells 35 in culture.

PBS - phosphate buffered saline: 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.4, 120 mM sodium chloride, 2.7 mM potassium chloride.

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Antiviral Assay:

Viral yield was estimated by measuring the amount of a viral antigen produced 4 days post infection with a monoclonal antibody to an abundant "immediate early" viral protein. An enzyme-linked (horseradish peroxidase) secondary antibody specific to the primary (mouse) antibody was used to measure the amount of viral antigen. Test compounds were diluted to 2-times the desired final concentration in DMEM + 5% FBS. One hundred microliters of this solution was placed in each well of a 96-well plate. This was performed once for the antiviral 96-well plate and again for a cytotoxicity plate. Two controls were also included for both plates; a no drug control and a ganciclovir control. Ganciclovir was included because it has known antiviral activity for HCMV. All cells were prepared by harvesting human foreskin fibroblasts, MRHF, with trypsin and re-suspending at a concentration of 5×10^5 cells per ml in DMEM. Infected cells were prepared by infecting these with HCMV (strain AD169) at a multiplicity of infection = 0.2. One hundred microliters of uninfected cells (5×10^4 cells) were added to the appropriate wells of the cytotoxicity plate. In a similar manner 100 μ l of infected cells (5×10^4 cells) were added to the appropriate wells of the antiviral plate. Additionally, uninfected cells not treated with test compound were included as controls on the antiviral plate. Plates were incubated for 96 hours at 37°C in 5% CO₂ atmosphere and processed to measure the amount of viral antigen and toxicity.

Enzyme Linked ImmunoSorbant Assay (ELISA) for HCMV
Antigens:

The following was performed on the antiviral
5 plate only. Media was removed and cells were fixed
with 1:1 acetone:methanol for 15 minutes at -20°C.
Fixative was removed and cells were washed once with
PBS containing 0.05% Tween20. In order to block
nonspecific binding of antibodies each well was
10 incubated with PBS containing 3% (w/v) bovine serum
albumin (BSA) for 1 hour at 22°C. The blocking
solution was removed and the cells were washed once
with PBS containing 0.05% Tween20 before incubating
with 1:100 dilution of primary antibody in PBS
15 containing 3% BSA for 2 hours at 22°C. The primary
antibody was a monoclonal antibody (mouse source)
specific to the immediate early nuclear antigen of
HCMV and was commercially available (Dupont). The 1°
antibody solution was removed and the plate was rinsed
20 5 times with PBS containing 1% (v/v) Triton X-100
(PBST) before incubating with secondary antibody
diluted 1:1000 in PBS containing 3% BSA for 2 hours at
22°C. The secondary antibody (goat source) recognized
the murine-specific determinants of the 1° antibody
25 and was covalently linked to horseradish peroxidase
(Sigma). The plate was rinsed 5 times with PBST and
once with deionized water before adding 100 µl TMB
substrate solution and incubating 30 minutes at 22°C.
The reaction was stopped by adding 100 µL of
30 phosphoric acid and the OD at 450 nm recorded. TMB
(3,3',5,5' tetramethylbenzidine) was the substrate for
the horseradish peroxidase linked to the 2° antibody.
It was made from a commercially available kit
(Kirkegaard & Perry Laboratories, Inc.). Antiviral
35 activity was calculated by comparing the amount of
viral antigen produced in drug treated wells with that
produced in wells absent of drug.

TABLE 2

	COMPOUND	Assemblin Inhibition % Inhibition at 100 μ m	HCMV cell EC ₅₀ (μ m)
5	omeprazole	0	93
10	10	43	
	12	26	
	20	60	
	22	35	
	32	52	
	39	46	
15	41	67	59
	43	74	23
	45	51	
	47	40	
	53	85	13
	57	66	
20	59	71	
	71	44	
	73	50	
	78	82	22
	25	88	

Regardless of the route of administration selected, the compounds of the present invention are 30 formulated into pharmaceutically acceptable dosage forms by conventional methods known to those skilled in the art. The compounds may be formulated using pharmacologically acceptable acid addition or base addition salts. Moreover, the compounds or their 35 salts may be used in a suitable hydrated form.

The compounds can be administered in such oral dosage forms as tablets, capsules, pills, powders, or granules. They may also be administered intravascularly, intraperitoneally, subcutaneously, or 5 intramuscularly, using forms known to the pharmaceutical art. In general, the preferred form of administration is oral. An effective but non-toxic quantity of the compound is employed in treatment. The dosage regimen for preventing or treating viral 10 infections with the compounds of this invention is selected in accordance with a variety of factors, including the type, age, weight, sex, and medical condition of the patient; the severity of the condition; the route of administration; and the 15 particular compound employed. An ordinarily skilled physician or veterinarian can readily determine and prescribe the effective amount of the drug required to prevent or arrest the progress of the condition. In so proceeding, the physician or veterinarian could 20 employ relatively low doses at first and subsequently increase the dose until a maximum response is obtained. Dosages of the compounds of the invention may be in the range of about 1.0 mcg/kg to 500 mg/kg, preferably in the range of about 10 to 100 mg/kg 25 orally or about 1.0 to 20 mg/kg intravenously.

In the pharmaceutical compositions and methods of the present invention, the foregoing active ingredients will typically be administered in 30 admixture with suitable pharmaceutical diluents, excipients, or carriers (collectively referred to herein as "carrier" materials) suitably selected with respect to the intended form of administration, that is, oral tablets, capsules, elixirs, syrups, and the 35 like, and consistent with conventional pharmaceutical practices. For instance, for oral administration in the form of tablets or capsules, the active drug

components may be combined with any oral non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier such as lactose, starch, sucrose, cellulose, magnesium stearate, dicalcium phosphate, calcium sulfate, 5 mannitol, and the like; for oral administration in liquid form, the active drug components may be combined with any oral non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable inert carrier such as ethanol and the like. Moreover, when desired or necessary, suitable binders, 10 lubricants, disintegrating agents, and coloring agents can also be incorporated in the mixture. Suitable binders include starch, gelatin, natural sugars, corn sweeteners, natural and synthetic gums such as acacia, sodium alginate, carboxymethylcellulose, polyethylene glycol, and waxes. Lubricants for use in these dosage forms include boric acid, sodium benzoate, sodium acetate, sodium chloride, and the like. Disintegrators include, without limitation, starch, 15 methylcellulose, agar, bentonite, guar gum, and the like. Sweetening and flavoring agents and preservatives can also be included where appropriate.

20 Although this invention has been described with respect to specific embodiments, the details of 25 these embodiments are not to be construed as limitations.